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Son of Elder and Mrs. George R. Biesinger of the College and name-sake of President David O. McKay, is David O. Hardy Biesinger, who is two years old this month. For story see the article, "Do You Remember?"

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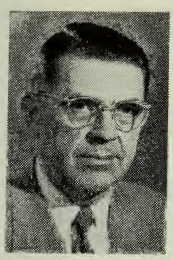

He Kupu Aroha

The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

JANUARY is the first month of the year. The name comes from Janus the Latin diety who was primarily the god of gates and doors, hence, of all beginnings, and sometimes referred to as the doorkeeper of heaven.

It is most significant to think of this month as a new starting point. To measure our existance here as a *life time* is in many cases too discouraging. But to measure life in terms of achievement and counting each year as a unit of perfection gives us courage to improve with the hope of advancing toward the realization of our goal or aim in life.

It is interesting to attend the honour day service at school to see the students awarded for achievement or to witness the prize-giving for excelling in athletic games. There is the common element of achievement running through all this recognition. Achievement and excellence are attained through completing a course of study or a prescribed training schedule. Most generally these training periods run for a year's time. Many who have achieved excellence in athletic events have been previously defeated, but have continued to work at the perfection of their performance year after year until the peak of performance has been attained; then they do their best and are awarded for their excellence.

In school, year by year one attains greater efficiency and accumulates sufficient information to eventually complete the formal training required for the professions. There are many who have not completed each step of advancement in required rotation, but with the New Year have started again with more determined effort to achieve their goal. All human beings are attempting to achieve in the course of life. The Saviour of Mankind outlined our course of study and set the pattern for us to follow. He through years of difficult experience achieved His perfection through the plan designed by His Father. It is the same programme by which *we* can achieve perfection. Each New Year provides a time for retrospection and inventory, so that by carefully directed effort and determination each day will help us successfully build the New Year's unit of perfection.

It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it.
—Benjamin Franklin.

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Finish each day, and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. —Emerson.

Editorial . . .

Do You Remember ?

DO you remember what happened on the 31st January, 1955? One of the greatest men and one of the finest women the world has ever known left the shores of New Zealand after a short but full and happy visit with us. All day the Sunday before meetings were held which climaxed the spiritual union of our peoples, President and Sister David O. McKay, and the Lord as they toured the Mission. After having given each of the many people present a warm hand clasp while the choir and quartette furnished background music, President McKay spoke again in the final session of the day; he reminded us of the necessity of learning to over-power temptation, of keeping material goods in proper perspective, and of casting out thoughts which have no place within us. He encouraged us to "live by the best principles that we know."

On Monday, January 31, 1956, a group of 500 Saints assembled at the airport and presented a final programme of farewell with choir numbers, hakas, action songs, pois, hulas and sa' sa's. As we bade the people goodbye, President McKay said, "In all our travels around the world we have never had a more impressive, more reverent farewell than this you have given us at this parting hour. With all my heart, expressing the thoughts of Sister McKay and Brother Murdock, we say 'Goodbye and God bless you.'"

As the great plane winged its way into the sun, many Saints turned sadly home, and yet despite their sadness was a richness and a warmth in their souls caused from the association and increased wisdom gained from one of the sweetest, purest, and most kindly servants the Lord has ever had. It was no little gift that this prophet of the Lord left in the hearts of the people, and it is with much feeling that the Saints now think upon his words: "I can hardly restrain myself in telling you what we have seen in vision. There may not be a temple on that high mountain down in the South Island, but I think there will be some day in the future, so that you folks won't have

to spend half your earnings of a lifetime to go to Laie to get all the blessings that the sacred temple offers . . . Now there may be somewhere here, let us pray, God, a temple. But you must be prepared for it. 'My Spirit,' saith the Lord, 'will not dwell in unclean tabernacles.' And the way to keep that tabernacle pure and clean as God would have it, is to resist temptation, no matter in what form it comes." As we watch the College and the Temple being erected here, we think of these words and the promise in them and we desire to live worthy of such blessings.

Many people were affected by the visit of this great man, not only because of the quality of his life and spirit, but more especially because of that great God and Saviour which he represents. It is in following in the footsteps of such a man that one can find "the road home" to our Eternal Parents.

Another young couple who have been deeply involved in striving to perform the Lord's work in this land, was deeply moved by the prophet's words and drank deeply of the story of life eternal contained therein. That night only a few hours after the Prophet's departure, they were presented with a beautiful little son, and as their hearts were filled with gratitude and their minds rested upon the principles of the Gospel and the testimony of Christ and manifestations of the Spirit given in this recent visit of the Prophet of the Lord, they selected a name for their child, David O. Hardy Biesinger. Within this child's life is the memory of the Prophet's visit, the beginning of the Temple, the erection of the College, the upbuilding of the testimonies of the people of New Zealand, and the knowledge that as he celebrates his second birthday this month, many others are celebrating with thanksgiving those events which heralded his birth. And with his third birthday we shall enjoy the added blessing of a glorious reunion with our Prophet as he returns to dedicate "the House of the Lord" for the benefit and strengthening of His people. God grant that this young child may grow into the purity of manhood and strength of testimony possessed by his namesake and his parents, and may we as a people strive to prepare ourselves to be witnesses of our God and to partake of His fullness within His House.

Happy Birthday, little David O.

Women's Corner

By Sister Arta Ballif

Speaking of the year past and the New Year

1957 is here and a year has died. 1956 died as gracefully as any year could, I suppose, with high tension and gaiety, intensity and frivolity. It died as people die, living the most vivid moments at the last. The most alive time of one's life is just before death, when he keenly realizes what has gone before. He who lives every day as he does those last moments lives most successfully.

How do people feel who are about to die? Clifton Fadiman collected "deathbed statements," he said, "for the life that is in them." A person's last words reveal something of his character and thoughts in the most intense part of life.

Said the egotistical French philosopher Auguste Comte as he died, "What an irreparable loss." Stonewall Jackson's final words were almost like poetry. Said he, "Let us go over the river and sit in the shade of the trees." And a New Zealander named Wright, when visited by a friend in his last hours, said, "Be pleased to leave the room, I want to die." The friend did so, and so did Mr. Wright. Viscount Palmerston exclaimed, "Die, my dear Doctor? That's the last thing I shall do." On viewing his wasted life, Conrad's hero says in a sort of repentance, "Horrible, horrible."

Walter Pater speaks of life, the whole of it, as "The Ecstatic Moment," the moment between birth and death, and pleads for a sensitivity, an awareness in the living of each day as though it were the moment before death. "Some spend this interval (meaning life) in listlessness, some in high passions . . . for our one chance lies in expanding that interval, in getting as many pulsations as possible into the given time . . . to burn always with this hard, gemlike flame, to maintain this ecstasy, is success in life."

1956 is dead and its deathbed statement has been washed away with the rain. 1957 is ahead. While we still have life let us live with intensification of love for life, with a new devotion to work, with a greater awareness of the beauty in nature, with a fuller appreciation of family affection. These things can bring to living an ecstasy. They can make time burn with a gemlike flame.

To our 1957 resolutions let us add one more: I will make every hour of every day as unforgettable as the one which precedes death. The year's dying words could then be something like this, "What a magnificent twelve months! Would I could repeat them!"

What do YOU do with your TIME and INTELLIGENCE ?

By ELDER SHARON S. HILTON

IN developing a good spiritual attitude, a good knowledge of the Gospel is needed. The fullness of the Gospel is contained in the "Four Standard Works" of the Church, but if we are to obtain this fullness, we must live the teachings contained therein. We are told in the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 90, verse 15, " . . . to set in order the churches, and study and learn, and become acquainted with all good books, and with languages, tongues, and people." Here we find that it is important to "learn all good things," but when should this education begin? Religious education should begin as soon as the child is old enough to begin learning and understanding anything; early training will help him form a good foundation for living and will stimulate in him a natural reverence toward God. A child needs constant encouragement in reading and understanding the simple truths of the Gospel. In the learning of Bible stories, not only is he entertained, but there will be embedded in him the moral teachings of the stories; his thoughts, his decisions and his actions will be formed in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; he will develop a closeness to Our Father in Heaven, a desire to perform those acts which are right and just, and have laid a foundation for further learning and comprehending of the higher teachings of the Gospel. He will have a greater opportunity through this learning and stimulus to "righteous living" to achieve a greater inheritance as a "Son of God." Knowledge and understanding are prerequisites to righteous living.

Part of each life should be spent in concentrated study. How much time do you spend in religious study each year? There are 52 weeks in each year, 168 hours in a week, and 8,736 hours in a year. If a person spent but three hours each Sunday in studying either the Bible or other religious literature, in a year's time he would have acquired 156 hours of religious study and the many gems of wisdom and knowledge which can be acquired by persistent study. That still leaves 8,580 hours in the year to do the many other "important and desirable" things which occupy so much of our time, and these other activities are often enriched by the greater understanding of life which we gain through Gospel study.

Here only a minimum of three hours a week has been suggested, but *what is time really worth?* Most people think of time as receiving a specified amount of money for each hour spent on a job. Others believe that time is a thing which exists only here on earth, not in the eternities. But time is actually what eternity is made of, and we are never sure when our alloted time for "earthly experience and education" shall cease. This life is a probationary period, a proving time, and a period of preparation for that which shall occur in the centuries to come. We receive here the instructions and laws by which the future shall be governed, and we are given the opportunity to learn now how to apply them, and are expected to do so, for he who cannot, will not be allowed to enter the Kingdom of Our Father in Heaven. Too often we "procrastinate" our repentance and application of knowledge, and *procrastination is the thief of time.* Each day and the time contained therein should be of greater

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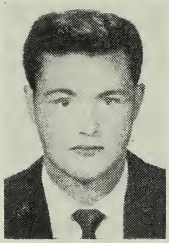
Here and There in the Mission

Leaving New Zealand on the 18th of December were a group of Elders we have come to know and appreciate.

Returning home to Menlo Park, California, was ELDER RICHARD LEE JARRARD. Many of you met this pleasant young man as he travelled about the Mission with Elder Eager. Previous to his mission, Elder



Elder Jarrard

Jarrard played in dance bands while he attended San Mateo Junior College, and those in the districts where he laboured have enjoyed his use of a trumpet. Having done both proselyting and district work, Elder Jarrard served in the following districts: Waikato, 6 months; Hawkes Bay, 16 months; Bay of Plenty, 5 months; Auckland, 3 months. Besides the duties performed in regular missionary work and as a travelling Elder, he also taught in the Sunday School and held a Bible Class in the Bay of Plenty, and has written the Aaronic Priesthood Page in the *Te Karere* in the November and December issues of 1956 and the January, 1957, issue. We appreciate his efforts in our behalf, and realize what he means when he says that he is thankful for the privilege of gaining and sharing a testimony with the people here. Yes, each of us have a testimony to share and sharing enhances its beauties. Elder Jarrard says, "Ia fa'a Manuia le Atua ia outau." "Tuku keke feohi ma'u Aipe moe Otua." "Kia kaha ki te mahi o te Rongo Pai o Ihu Karaiti."

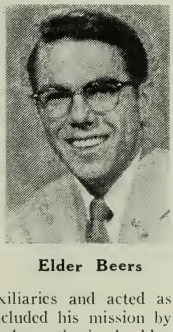
The Mission has just lost one of its most faithful servants, and he who replaces ELDER LEO BRENT EAGER, First Counsellor to the Mission President, will have a mighty place to fill, for Elder Eager has truly given of his best to us. Elder Eager returned home to Salt Lake City to resume his studies at the University of Utah whence he should graduate in another year as an electrical engineer; he then hopes to do graduate work at Harvard. While in New Zealand, Elder Eager laboured 9 months in Christchurch, 9 months in Dunedin, 3 months in Tauranga, and 2 months in the Auckland District with Elder Chapman, the former Mission Secretary; then from June 3rd to October 1st, he was the Second Counsellor to

Elder Eager

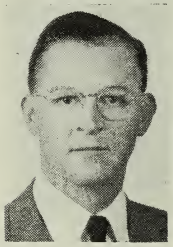
the Mission President and from October 1st to December 18th the First Counsellor. He has left us a valuable message: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ, to me, is living and working among our fellow men and this can be done successfully only upon the principles of righteousness. Since coming here, I've seen members and non-members

alike trying both right and wrong ways of living. To those who honestly strive to serve God and their fellow men I am grateful; to those who have tried to exalt themselves in the eyes of their fellow men I humbly exhort you to repent. May God bless all of you who have become so much a part of me." We shall miss his pleasant personality and devoted service throughout the Mission

ELDER NORMAN LEROY BEERS, of Centerville, Utah, has returned home to continue his studies at the University of Utah where he has previously spent two years in mechanical engineering studies. While in New Zealand, Elder Beers laboured for 14 months in Dannevirke where he organized the Sunday School with 35 people and began a choir. He also laboured for 6 months in Palmerston North and acted as branch president there. Besides these and other proselyting duties, he has taught in the various auxiliaries and acted as pianist. He concluded his mission by serving the last 4 months in Auckland. Elder Beers, an enthusiastic, cheerful and energetic missionary, would like to thank the Saints and especially the Maori people for the testimony he has gained and to encourage them to "Remember your great heritage; live up to it." He says, "My experiences in the mission field teaching the Gospel and labouring among the people have taught me that a testimony that is manifested by works of righteousness is the only thing that is important. As Brigham Young once said, 'With me it is the Kingdom of God or nothing.'" With this type of testimony is it any wonder that Elder Beers wants to remain a missionary and come to the islands again?



Elder Beers

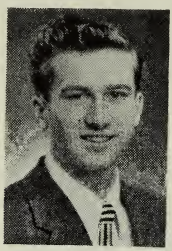


Elder Huffaker

Before coming to New Zealand, ELDER VERNON DAVIS HUFFAKER, of Salt Lake City, was a radiographer in the Salt Lake General Hospital after having received his training in the army. Elder Huffaker laboured for 21 months in the Mahia District where he also taught the Priesthood class, and he spent the last 9 months labouring in the Auckland District in the Tamaki-Panmure area. Previous to his mission, Elder Huffaker served a full-term stake mission. Many people have had the benefit of his service, and we hope that others will be blessed with his experience and knowledge. He plans to return to x-ray work, but will no doubt always be an active teacher of the Gospel. Just as he extends his appreciation to the Saints and other peoples here who have so graciously received him and honoured the Priesthood which he bears, so we extend to him our thanks for his services in our behalf and our prayers for his welfare and future happiness.

Brother and Sister Guy Foote must have had a lovely Christmas. They were expecting their son home shortly

after Christmas, but ELDER ARVEL W. FOOTE, from Welling, Alberta, Canada, flew home in order to surprise them and spend all of the holidays with them before he journeyed on to school at B.Y.U. Elder Foote was farming and finishing high school



Elder Foote

prior to his mission, but he now plans on studying veterinarian medicine. Elder Foote proselyted in Taranaki for 9 months where he was also District Secretary, in Wairau for 12 months where he helped take the district census, and in Wellington for 6 months where he taught the Melchizedek Priesthood class, and finished his mission by labouring for 3 months in the Auckland District.

He says that a missionary can become more effective when he learns "to enter the home for the purpose of teaching, not visiting." His code of life is: "To thine ownself be true," and you'll be sure of serving God pleasingly and contributing to the goodness of humanity. He has truly enjoyed his association with the people, particularly that which comes from actively sharing the principles of the Gospel. His absence will be noticed . . . as is always the absence of one who is *interested* in the lives of others.

Now here is a young man who doesn't say a lot, but when he does speak, it is both kindly and informatively. ELDER GEORGE R. FANNIN, from Moses Lake, Washington, is well known throughout the mission. For 9 months he has been travelling the districts and for 7 of those months he has been the Mission Board Sunday School Superintendent, and a faithful, interested one, too. Previous to this assignment, he laboured for 6 months in Hamilton, 3½ months in Whangarei, 8½ months in the Bay of Plenty, and 3 months in the Auckland District. He plans on returning to Brigham Young University and continuing his studies in agriculture unless Uncle Sam request his immediate presence in the army. I think this Elder has little idea just how very much his quality traits are appreciated here. There has never been a time since I have known him that he hasn't been cheerful and encouraging to others. That quiet smile and warm hand clasp will take him a long way in this world, and it will stimulate others to climb well that "highway of life" to heaven even when the going gets rough. God bless you, Elder. "When ye are in the service of your

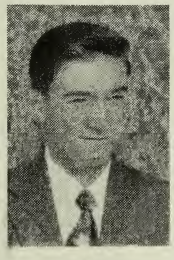
Elder Fannin

fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah *2*:17.)

Flying home to Mesa, Arizona, on the 16th of December is ELDER DERALD ARTHUR FERRIN. While here, Elder Ferrin spent his entire mission proselyting with an occasional assignment in district work; he laboured the first 10 months of his mission in Whangarei and the last 20 months in the Bay of Plenty. He says, "It isn't the money you re-

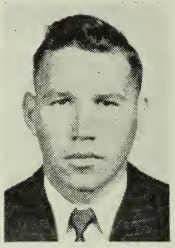
ceive for a task that counts; it's what you become by it." And he feels that it is only through a mission and the association which one has with the people that self-confidence and the desire to serve unselfishly can truly be stimulated. The opportunities to be taught and learn the Gospel should be used advantageously; and one should prepare himself through *study and prayer* to participate in Sunday School and other Gospel classes or discussions. Elder Ferrin has already served in the army and he is going to continue his studies at Brigham Young University in mechanical engineering. Kia Kaha, and bon voyage, Elder. You have served humanity well thus far, and we pray that you might continue your service of love.

Returning home by Pan American Airways on the 14th of December was ELDER ELLIS DEE KAY, from Mona, Utah. Elder Kay worked before his mission for the Union Pacific Railroad in maintenance, but he expects to enter the Armed Forces on



Elder Kay

his return and hopes in the future to enter the university. While here, Elder Kay laboured as a proselyting missionary for 6 months in Mahia; he did both proselyting and district work for the 15 months he was in Poverty Bay, two months of which he was the branch president of the Muriwai Branch; his last 9 months of proselyting were completed in the Wellington District. He extends to the people his aroha for the many services they rendered him both in proselyting and in his own life and development. It is his prayer that the Lord will bless all of you, and our



Elder Ferrin

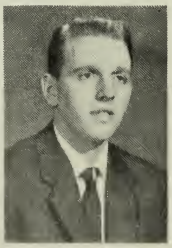
prayer is for a joyful reunion with his family and divine guidance and protection throughout his life.

As each of these young Elders go home, we wish them the continued success in their lives which they have displayed here, and we are not insensitive to the quality of their services. Thank you.

MISSION TRANSFERS . . .

SISTERS NAOLA VAN ORDEN and BETTY MARTIN from the Auckland District to labour as companions in Hamilton.

SISTER JENET WATENE from the Auckland District to labour in the Mission Office with Sister Adelaide Anaru.



INTRODUCING . . .
Elder Alvin Smith.

"*No Man is an Iland . . .*"

By ELDER BRENT EAGER

THE young boy carefully packed away two pieces of bread, his pocket-knife, slingshot, several feet of string and numerous other pieces of equipment that are "stock in trade" for a young boy running away from home, and paused briefly at the door before stepping out—a young child's first show of independence and first real rebellion at the rigours of parental discipline. In another city an angry teenager, reeking with the smell of liquor and amid an atmosphere of angry words, chose to ignore his parents' pleas and fled into the night.

The young boy's act was one of childish temper and ignorance due to extreme youth, but the teenager's act was one of temper and ignorance, coupled with lack of understanding that could have been supplied by understanding parents. What is the gap in the older boy's understanding that should have been filled? The gap I'm speaking of is caused by the fallacious idea that he is "independent" and that if he does something wrong it affects no one but himself. Therefore the proposition that I want to discuss is that our lives are so entwined with those of our immediate families, friends and also those whom we think are beyond our regular sphere of influence, that we cannot avoid touching them by our behaviour. Each of us, then, is potentially strong in wielding an influence in the world and should conduct his life accordingly.

Through Moses we learn that our presence here on earth is no mere coincidence. We have the further knowledge that we come to earth to be proven—to see if we are worthy of re-entering the presence of our Father in Heaven. In addition, President Joseph Fielding Smith states: "The Church has two great responsibilities, that is the members of the Church have these responsibilities . . . It is our individual duty to preach the Gospel by precept and by example among our neighbours . . . The other great responsibility which is placed upon each of us individually is to seek after our dead."

The previous paragraph may be broken down into three general topics, each of which I shall discuss briefly.

First—"We come to *earth* . . . " How significant it is that we come to an earth, a place where there are other human beings to mingle with! How significant it is that in order to prove ourselves worthy we must keep God's commandments—commandments which deal largely with individual attitude, apitude and the resultant actions towards our fellow men! How significant it is that our Father in Heaven chose to send us a Saviour, who, in addition to dying for us, lived a perfect life among His fellow men so that we might school ourselves in the important truths He taught, *most* of which concerned our relations with those beings about us!

Second—"It is our individual duty to preach the Gospel . . . " The scriptures ring, shout or whisper, depending upon who is reading them, but they are consistent in their declaration that we should let our light shine before our fellow men. Whenever possible missionaries have been called to go to all parts of the world to preach the Gospel. Many of us have thrilled to inspired words of our leaders. Many of us have sat in a congregation and felt the thrill of being influenced spiritually by a poem, a related experience or a short thought which perhaps the speaker himself has

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Priesthood Page

"RECEIVING THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD"

WORTHINESS, A PRE-REQUISITE TO ORDINATION

First—Worthiness, a Pre-requisite

It was stated on the "Melchizedek Priesthood Page" of the June, 1955, *Improvement Era* and reaffirmed here . . . that no person should be ordained to the Melchizedek Priesthood unless he is worthy of that great blessing as is evidenced by a life that is in full accord with the principles of the Gospel and the doctrines of the Church. Unworthiness disqualifies brethren from receiving the blessings attending upon ordination in the Priesthood, and it would be of little value to ordain those who are not worthy. The Lord has declared:

"For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receive not the gift? Behold, he rejoices not in that which is given him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift." (D. & C. 88:33.)

Second—Obedience to God's Commandments

Boys and men in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should make themselves worthy to receive the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood by keeping all of God's commandments. In the revelation on "the oath and covenant which belongeth to the Priesthood," the Lord declared:

"And I now give unto you a commandment . . . to give diligent heed to the words of eternal life.

"For you shall live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God." (D. & C. 84:43-44.)

Candidates for ordination must acknowledge the existence and overshadowing power of our Father in Heaven. They should love Him to such a degree that they yield themselves to Him and His will with all of their hearts, might, mind, and strength. They should love Him so strongly that they fear to offend by disobeying His will. All candidates for the Priesthood, as well as those who hold it, are under the requirement to keep themselves fully fit to possess and exercise the power of the Priesthood.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION TO BE INTERVIEWED

First—Branch President's Interviews

Before a branch president recommends an Aaronic Priesthood holder (either a young man or a member of the Senior Aaronic group) to the mission presidency for advancement from the Aaronic to the Melchizedek Priesthood, a member of the Branch presidency should interview the candidate individually and alone to determine his worthiness for the Melchizedek Priest-

hood. The branch president should understand that these private interviews supply marvellous teaching opportunities, and are not the final recommendation. Following this the district president must interview and recommend the candidate to the Mission President.

Second—Mission President's Interviews

Any brother being considered for ordination to an office in the Melchizedek Priesthood is to be interviewed individually and alone by the Mission President as an aid in determining his qualifications and worthiness for the receipt of the Priesthood.

Before approving a brother for ordination, the Mission President is to assure himself that he meets or agrees to meet the standards of personal righteousness listed under the heading "statement to be filled in by the person to be ordained," found on the back of the "Recommendation for Ordination in the Priesthood." If the brother fails to qualify, he should prove himself through a probationary period before the recommendation is processed further and before the ordination is performed.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD . . .

ARISE AND SHINE FORTH

As one year draws to a close and the new year dawns, it seems that we have the tendency to look back upon our deeds of the past 365 days and notice the various changes that have taken place in our lives. What do we see when we glance back? Have we increased in our knowledge of the Gospel? Have we honoured our parents and loved ones? Have we served our Heavenly Father in a manner that we know was pleasing to Him? Did we walk each of those days on that straight and narrow path that leads to immortality and eternal life? Have we really been worthy of that great trust and faith that the Lord places upon those whom He calls to bear His Priesthood and carry His name throughout the world, or have we put aside that trust and faith to follow that path which is wide and easy for us to walk—that path which taints our spirit and body and separates us from the Spirit of Our Heavenly Father? Surely our Father saw that these changes would come into our lives. That is why He has given us such an unchanging pattern as His Gospel to follow.

The Gospel can be lived each day of our lives because it is practical. It is composed of *unchanging truths* which can be applied to everything in our daily lives. It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, He whom the scriptures speak of as being "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8.) His Gospel is unchanging, and therefore our desire to live the principles of the Gospel should be unchanging also.

The messages of the Restored Gospel are the same today as of days past and will continue until the Lord commands His servants otherwise. Every individual which has been called of God and is given the divine authority of the Priesthood to bear is called to proclaim to the world that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has been restored in these the last days. Upon the Priesthood of this Church rests the responsibility of seeing that God's Kingdom is built up, built up spiritually and temporally, wherever the Priesthood is found.

Let us often think of the words of the Lord to the Prophet Joseph when He said to His Priesthood, both Aaronic and Melchizedek: "Arise and shine forth, that thy light may be a standard for the nations," and then when we glance back over past days there will be no regrets.

Genealogy

NEW YEAR GREETINGS! Let's make 1957 the happiest and most successful year in your life. In measuring success, I do not mean financially, but by the good you have done and the happiness you have brought to your fellowmen, both the living and the dead. DON'T NEGLECT YOUR GENEALOGY WORK if you want to know what real happiness is.

To continue on with the "Family Representative":

Question:

Must one wait until a family organization is formed before a "Family Representative" can be named?

Answer:

No. However, where there is no organization in effect, members of the family should co-operate in designating a "Family Representative." In instances where an individual is the only member of the family who belongs to the Church the choice of "Family Representative" is obvious.

Question:

If a family now has a collection of family group forms ready to transmit to the Index Bureau for clearance and examination, is it necessary to change the name of the "heir" to "Family Representative?"

Answer:

No. These sheets may be sent to the Records Office, but it is suggested that in future compilations the name of the "Family Representative" should be used in order that the new plan may be put into operation as quickly as possible.

Question:

Should one ask for changes to be made from "heir" to "Family Representative" for records now in process of clearing at the Genealogical Society, or which may be in the baptism or endowment files at the Temple?

Answer:

No.

Question:

Will it now be necessary for researchers to secure a new type of family group sheet in order to submit names to the Index Bureau for clearance or for permanent filing in the Church Archives?

Answer:

No. The present form will continue in use until a new printing is made, which will show the change from "heir" to "Family Representative." Just insert the name of the latter after the designated "heir" on the present sheet and give the relationship of the representative to the dead.

Question:

Is is mandatory for a person or family to place all of his or its records in the "Temple File?"

Answer:

No. It is anticipated, however, that nearly all who are engaged in Temple work will see the advantages in the use of the "Temple File" and will join wholeheartedly with others members of the Church in carrying out the recommended plan. The principle of co-operative ordinance work is certainly well established in Temple procedure.

Question:

What should one do with the names of his family which are now on record in the "Heirship File" in the Temple?

Answer:

If agreeable with the family, it is suggested that the Temple Presidency be authorized to transfer such names to the "Temple File." Records will be placed in the Temple File for endowment work in the order in which authorization is received for their transfer.

Question:

Is it expected that this system will provide female names in unlimited number for our sisters who wish to act as endowment proxies in the Temples?

Answer:

No. It is obvious that no system could be devised which would create a surplus of women's names in the Temples for an indefinite period. Temple authorities will take cognizance of this situation and will encourage men and women to come to the Temples in equal number so as to keep a balanced ratio between the number of endowments performed for both males and females.

When names are assigned to the Temple File will young people from our Aaronic Priesthood groups, Primary, Sunday School, and Beehive Classes continue to act as baptism proxies when asked to do so by District or Branch Genealogical officers and Temple authorities?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

Will my own family have the privilege to participate in the baptism ordinances if they desire to do so?

Answer:

It is anticipated that all young people and others will have opportunity to take part in baptism ordinances in regular turn at the Temples when appointed to do so by proper authority. It will *not* be possible nor practicable for Temple officials to attempt to arrange for individuals to act as baptism proxies for designated individuals whose names are assigned to the "Temple File."

By special arrangements made through the Records Office at the time sheets are submitted for clearance, records classified for use in the "Family File" might be set aside for the family to participate in the baptism ordinances at the Temple. It is expected that such records will pertain to very close relatives.

Question:

Are there to be any changes in the procedure for sealings?

Answer:

No. Families may still furnish their own prozies for sealing, or arrange for Branch and District members to assist them in this ordinance or authorize Temple authorities to provide workers to attend to the sealings.

Question:

What is the purpose of the "Family File?"

Answer:

It is designed to contain names such as those represented by close family relationship, which members may desire to reserve so they themselves or others of their families may act as proxies for these particular kinsfolk.

Question:

If a family has accumulated fifty group records for submission to the Index Bureau for eventual transfer to the Temple, is it permissible to allocate forty-nine of these to the "Temple File?"

Answer:

Yes; however, no single family unit will be split up and the record of one child or that of father or mother in a

family accepted for the Temple File while the records of remaining children are consigned to the "Family File."

Question:

Will the new system interfere with or disrupt in any way methods of recording, filing or processing of records which are now in the Genealogical Society or Temples?

Answer:

No. The new system is designed to expedite and simplify the clearing, filming and recording at the Genealogical Society and to facilitate all phases of the work at the Temples. Furthermore, the new system is expected to take the place of old procedures without any disruptive effect upon the current work.

Question:

Will it be wise for names submitted to "Family File" to be retained in such file for an indefinite period without ordinance activity?

Answer:

No. See Brother Smith's quotation preceding this article, paragraph 6, item No. 3.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME AND INTELLIGENCE?

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value than a chest of gold, and the benefits to be gained from wise use of time are certainly more profitable. If we would consider the *real* value of time, it would not be wasted, but used wisely to fulfill the commandment, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." The only short cut to perfection is the wise use of each minute and opportunity arising with each day. As Joseph F. Smith once said:

"Read good books. Learn to sing and recite, and to converse upon subjects that will be of interest to your associates, and at your social gatherings, instead of wasting the time in senseless practices that lead only to mischief and sometimes to serious evil and wrongdoing; instead of doing this, seek out of the best books knowledge and understanding.

"Read history. Read anything that is good, that will elevate the mind and will add to your stock of knowledge, that those who associate with you may feel an interest in your pursuit of knowledge and of wisdom.

"We hear of card parties here and card parties there, and entertainments where the playing of cards is the principle amusement; and the whole evening is thus wasted."

Let us remember to plan and use our time wisely, remembering at all times that every thing we do affects our character, and that we are trying to obtain a Christ-like character. If we do this, then we will consider the time of others just as valuable as we do ours, and treat it as such.

Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

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Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know. —Kingsley.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD FOR FEBRUARY

The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey.

—Joshua 24:24.

Our Summer Activities are all over and now we start on our 1957 Lesson Work. We hope you had happy times together, and felt the benefit of the extra time and activities. As we have visited your Hui Parihas we have been able to see the very high standard of work you have done and your activities well prepared and organized. We have been thrilled with your marvellous exhibits in handwork and cooking, and the success of your square dancing. We do want to tell you that we are proud of you and appreciate all the work and effort you have put into it. We feel that we have taken a big step forward in being able to carry out our activities so successfully.

PRIMARY—What is it? A week day organization for our children to get an understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a desire to live it, to be useful with their hands, and enjoy activities and fun together. Let our AIM for 1957 be "EVERY CHILD ENROLLED IN PRIMARY."

On the 1st February we commence our New Year Roll and new Lesson Work.

Group in your roll book as follows to make the filling out of your reports simple: Children 4, 5 and 6 years, space, 7 and 8 years, space, 9, 10, 11 year girls, space, 9, 10 and 11 boys. All children who have a birthday by the 31st March go into the higher age group.

LESSON BOOKS TO STUDY

4, 5, 6 years: Mission Primary or Group 1 Lesson Book.

7, 8 years: Co-Pilot Lesson Manual.

9, 10, 11 year girls: Seagull Lesson Manual.

9, 10, 11 year boys: Blazer Lesson Manual.

You should have most of these books, so your expenses will be light and you should be ready to start on time.

REMEMBER: Watch for the 12th birthday of your 11-year-old children as they can graduate as soon as they are twelve, if they have been attending Primary regularly for one year and know the requirements as given in the Primary Hand Book. When sending for Certificates please give the names of the children. Follow the Graduation method as given in Hand Book.

LESSON WORK FOR FEBRUARY

Youngest Group:

As we are using the same Lesson Book this year, for the benefit of all new leaders, for the first week please study the instructions on the first six pages carefully. Learn the procedure of your Opening Exercises. This is the month to promote your children. For the old leaders this is open to take any lesson you may have missed, or any other activity. I hope you all have your Teacher's Kit, too, as this goes with the Lesson Book and is quite an asset to help you present your lessons.

2nd Week: Friends.

3rd Week: Our Homes.

4th Week: The Family.

Encourage the children that their friends are very important and that Jesus is their friend, too. For the 2nd and 3rd weeks make the children realise that our Heavenly Father provides us with our homes and families. Discuss the different homes of people who live in other countries and also those of the birds and animals. They will learn to appreciate their own families and homes.

Co-Pilot Group:

Teachers, if you look at the beginning of your Lesson Book there are nine very instructive pages for you pointing out the objectives of this Lesson Course, also rules and methods of teaching and lesson presentation. Read and re-read them for they will be a great help to you.

1st Week—Page 13: Introducing Co-Pilot Work.
2nd Week—Page 19: I Can and I Will.
3rd Week—Page 24: A Wonderful Compass.
4th Week—Page 29: Parent Programme.

Watch your Co-Pilot Kit throughout the year for all visual aids and helps for the month as printed in the book. This month September Lessons you will find the Hangar for your attendance chart, The Kiwi for Lesson 2, the child praying for Lesson 3. *The Children's Friend*, September, 1956, pp. 395 and 396, you will find the Airplane with full instructions of how to make it for your activity and create interest in your lesson. Lesson 2, also use your "I Can and I Will" chart.

Have you kept your *Book of Mormon* pictures? If so, February's *Children's Friend*, 1953, has the picture of Lehi showing the Liahona or Compass to his family. This should help you with your visual aid for Lesson 3.

The 4th Lesson is very instructive, in so much as it shows the children how to plan correctly and fully when entertaining. Even though some of this programme will be used for the Sunday programme in May, the purpose of the Lesson can be used now to a very great advantage. You may start getting ready the invitations for your Sunday Programme, or you may choose to have a Parents' Day now, as well.

Trailbuilders—Blazer Lessons for February:

1st Week: Trailbuilding.
2nd Week: Trailblazing.
3rd Week: The Blazer Code.
4th Week: Blazer Welcome.

Here we are again at the beginning of a new year of Primary work with many new teachers and new Trailbuilders, too. Have your materials ready early, teachers, and the boys' Activity Kits so you can prepare well before the first lesson. Be sure and read the first eighteen pages of your book and follow the instructions therein. Study with humble prayer and put enthusiasm into your work and you will gain as much happiness from your class as the boys. These are your introductory lessons to your class and include activities to help the boys become enthusiastic about their new classwork. Appoint your class officers and encourage them to do their duties and not be officers in name only. The third week gives the opportunity to use your posting chart. The instructions for making this are on page 13, and I hope you will take the time to make it, as it will be of much help to you, particularly if you have no blackboards in your Primary. The fourth week Blazer Welcome need not be an elaborate party, but make it a happy time to welcome new boys into the class, and also the class into their year of Trailblazing.

Homebuilders, Seagulls:

1st Week—Page 21: Seagull Name, Code, Emblem.
2nd Week—Page 27: Preparing for Lark Welcome.
3rd Week—Page 34: The Lark Welcome.
4th Week—Page 37: Treasures.

Welcome into Seagulls all 9, 10 and 11-year-old girls and Homebuilder teachers. A glimpse into our new Manuals will show us that we have a very interesting programme of lesson work and activity ahead of us. Be on time! Commence your Manual as outlined so that you will not miss any of these wonderful lessons. Teachers, read carefully the first 20 pages of your Manuals to get an insight of Homebuilding, and particularly the Seagull work. Numbers are not sufficient in our Homebuilder classes to make it practical to introduce the Junior Teacher Programme (page 15) in our New Zealand primaries.

The Seagull Scrapbook will be needed for our first lessons so order one for each of your girls and give them the sheets as instructed. Girls who are new to Homebuilding this year should be urged to buy their own New Testament.

The Seagull Lesson enrichments are too expensive to get out here, so as in previous years you will need to improvise and make your own.

Each of the above lessons are explained fully in your Manuals. Endeavour to follow the instructions whereever possible. Since all girls will be studying the Seagull Course, the Lark Welcome will be for the nine-year-old girls, though they will be Seagulls this year. Instructions concerning Bluebirds will be for 10-year-old girls, and Seagulls for 11-year-olds. Endeavour to have at least part of the welcome because it is necessary for the girls to fill their Cricket Chart Requirements, page 7, to earn the Seagull Emblem.

"NO MAN IS AN ILAND . . . " (Continued from Page 12)

heard from someone else. Perhaps we ourselves have been quoted and the thoughts we have given at some time have gone through someone else's lips to an audience which we never dreamed would be contracted, and within that audience was a person whose life was changed by the thing which we said.

What opportunities we have every day of our existence to do things, things that might be a factor in shaping the life of someone who may occupy an outstanding niche in the world!

Third—"The other great responsibility which is placed upon each of us individually is to seek after our dead." It is a humbling thought that our actions here on earth can affect the future of those who have gone beyond, but it is a truth attested by scripture and the teachings of the prophets.

Let us therefore, as parents, strengthen our family ties. Let us teach our children by our love that they are a part of us and that we are interested in evertyhing they do. Let us develop such a closeness in the home that our children will be less inclined to error because they will feel they have a responsibility toward their parents. Let us teach our children a sense of power among their fellow men so that they will feel capable of accomplishment. And, finally, let us so order our own lives that by our example our families and those around us may gain a knowledge of how close to one another we actually are. This thought is well expressed by John Donne who, three centuries ago, wrote:

"No man is an Iland, intire of it selfe; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a clod bee washed away by the sea, Europe is lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a mannor of thy friends or of thine owne were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankinde; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls: It tolls for thee."

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR Fellow Workers,

We wish to extend our love and appreciation to you all for the wonderful co-operation that you have given to us in helping the M.I.A. programme function in the branches and the districts for the past year, which has been a great success.

And now we come to the beginning of another year, and we pray that joy and success may attend your efforts. Let us all work humbly and enthusiastically and be worthy of His great blessings.

JANUARY . . . SPECIAL . . . VERY SPECIAL . . . JANUARY

"Meet Me at Mutual Night on 29th January, 1957."

The month of January is a full and exciting one. If the programme suggested will be carried out, you will have touched someone in your area with the spirit of the M.I.A. Remember that even though some months are busy ones, all that you do in the M.I.A. should bear the mark of excellence.

The month of January also gives you one of the greatest opportunities of the year to show the people the activities of the M.I.A. programme. So this year for your "Meet Me at Mutual" evening you will put the "Spotlight on M.I.A." It is a traditional Church-wide invitation that goes annually to every member in your branch. This is the evening you say "Meet Me at Mutual," and you meet them there and show everybody what a wonderful thing the M.I.A. can really be.

Special posters in advertising this annual night should be displayed well in advance. Make it such a night that everyone will want to come every M.I.A. night.

M.I.A. Time Schedule this year will commence on the 1st January, 1957, with "General M.I.A. Activity" of Sports and Games.

January 8th: Short Assembly, with Age Group work.

January 15th: Short Assembly, and commencing the Age Group Study Course for 1957.

January 22nd: Short Assembly, and Class Work all Age Groups.

January 29th: "Meet Me at Mutual" and Social Evening.

MISSION M.I.A. AGE-GROUP STUDY COURSES FOR 1957

Price

Special Interest:

1957 Book of Mormon Study Course (continued).....12/6

M Men-Gleaners:

1957 "Love, Marriage and You" & "Teaching the Gospel," 8/6

Jr. M Men-Jr. Gleaners:

1957 "Youth and the Church" and Activity Manual....12/0

Explorers:

Exploring into Manhood.....3/6

Exploring into Manhood Supplement 2/6

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Relief Society

JANUARY, 1957! For Relief Society officers and teachers this is the beginning of a new year, for this is the month we meet together either in a Leadership or Union Meeting in preparation for our first regular meeting in February. If earnest preparation is made well in advance, most problems will take care of themselves.

The June issue of the Relief Society magazine contains a preview of our year's lesson work, so that allows plenty of time to study and keep an eye open for materials which will add to and enrich our lessons. Back numbers of our own magazines, *"Instructors,"* or current pictorials, are all possible sources of help. A dictionary is indispensable and is well worth the extra space it takes up to carry along with you. Significant background to a lesson is important, and often music, pictures, singing, or poetry may be successfully used if given careful thought.

Membership cards are available on request from Sister Hunia.

Magazines are available from Sister Wihongi.

All other material may be purchased from the Supply Dept., Box 72, Auckland.

We would like at the beginning of this year to ask each one of you that if you have a complaint of any kind, would you kindly write and tell us as that is the only way we have of knowing. If magazines or anything else do not arrive after you have requested same, let us know immediately. We assure you that we truly wish to do our best for you in any way we can. If we have made a mistake, then we are only too pleased to make amends *if* we know about it.

With this issue we have pleasure in conveying to you a special greeting and a little news from the Relief Society General Board in Zion. Last month we received a very lovely letter from Sister Sharp, the educational counsellor. She expressed their great interest in the work that we are doing out here in New Zealand, both in Relief Society and the part we are doing in promoting the building project. They have on file the lessons which were substituted in the Social Science Department, "Child Welfare and Beauty in the Home," and now await the pamphlets and charts which were used as visual aids. In a world that has come to take so much for granted, it uplifts the heart to learn that in the magic of this airborne age, we are not so very far removed from the members of our General Board, and that they watch with united interest over our activities and are ever willing to help us. In conclusion, and I am sure you will treasure this lovely thought, Sister Sharp asks that the love of the Sisters of the General Board be conveyed to the Sisters in the districts of this Mission.

Does this give us something extra to cling to throughout this coming year?

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION **(Cont. from Page 21)**

Mia Maids:

1957 "Treasures to Cherish"..11/0

Scouts:

Our Boys in Scouting and Exploring 1/6

Supplement to Scouting.....1/0

Bee Hives:

Bee Hive Manual and Bee Hive Supplement (Teachers), 9/0

Bee Hive Manual for Girls....7/0

PLEASE NOTE that the 1956 M Men- Gleaner Study Course "Youth and the Church" and the Activity Manual that goes with it are to be used by the Jr. M Men-Jr. Gleaners for 1957.

Sunday School

THIS old method of lecture teaching is slowly giving way to more modern and more effective means of teaching. The old Chinese proverb "One picture is worth a thousand words" is being applied more widely now than ever before. The flannel board is fast becoming a must for the teaching of children. Flannel boards can be made and maintained very inexpensively as was pointed out in last month's article in the *Te Karere*. Pictures for the flannel board can be obtained from *The Instructor*. These can be cut out and coloured by individuals or as a class project. Over an extended period of time a very nice assortment of pictures can be gathered. These should be kept in a good, safe place and other pictures and visual aids can be added to it from time to time until the library becomes a treasure chest of ways and means to more effective teaching.

There is one other means of learning that is very good, in fact, probably the best method there is, and that is learning by doing. This can be applied to the classroom as well as anywhere else in the form of dramatizing or pantomiming by the students a part of the lesson that has been rendered by the teacher. Sister Lucy G. Sperry of the Sunday School General Board has this to say about it: "The best type of activity grows out of the day's lesson, and most of our lessons afford opportunity for dramatic play. Not the entire lesson, of course, and not every Sunday, but there are so many rich episodes in all Church history stories. In a featured class in one of our wards, pantomime, or acting out, is one of the favourite activities of the class. Recall the story of the crossing of the plains. It would be a wonderful experience to get up and 'cross the plains,' right across the room. Singing 'Come, Come Ye Saints,' or the 'Handcart Song,' would greatly enhance the activity.

"Dramatization should be very simple. No properties nor costumes are necessary. Perhaps this is one reason why it is not as popular with teachers as with pupils. Maybe you have made it too dfficult. Let the children create the characters, etc. They love it. They love to pretend. Teachers say, 'Oh, I just can't do it.' But children just get in and do it."

We are passing on to you a choice little illustration regarding dramatization as told by Margaret Kitto. She said, "I once got caught in a terrible windstorm where the children were dramatizing the story of Nephi and his brothers. They had Nephi tied up and the terrible storm came. Most of the children were the wind and the waves, and how they did blow. Nephi was tied so realistically, with rope, that they could not untie him. Of course, the storm couldn't cease until Nephi was untied. The teachers shushed and hushed, but you just don't hush a windstorm that way. The only way the storm could be stopped was to set Nephi free. I thought they could have done very well without the rope, and was trying to help the teacher see that it could have been all 'just make-believe.' I said, 'I guess we all learned a lesson today about dramatization,' and she said, 'Yes, next time I'll bring my scissors.'"

These are some very fine illustrations on dramatizing. There are many more that you, as Sunday School teachers, can think of and apply.

There are extra copies of the July, August and September "Instructors" now available at the Mission Office at 1/9 a copy.

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SACRAMENT GEM FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."—Matthew 5:16

Featuring the Districts

BAY OF ISLANDS DISTRICT

By Tai T. Rakena

Dear "T.K." readers, one of the big topics in the Bay of Islands at present is the steady progress of the L.D.S. timber mill at Kaikohe. Although not completed, it has the appearance of a very modern and up-to-date project. Under the trained eye of Brother James Hapeta, who is the Construction Supervisor, this mill will be a first-class addition to the Kaikohe Borough. Elder Lyman, Consulting Engineer and Designer of the mill, makes weekly trips from the College under Elder Biesinger, who is supervisor of all the building operations in New Zealand and the Islands. Elder Erickson is in charge of the overall project in this north mill. Statistics are: floor area, 5,480 ft.; length, 130 ft.; width, 36 ft.; height, 35 ft. Ground area is approximately two acres and another two are under negotiation. The L.D.S. College at Hamilton relies on the timber from this mill for its use.

During the height of the season the mill employs as many as 29 men and at present 15 are still on the working list.

Also on the same site as the mill is the fully equipped garage now completed and in operation. This garage, under the very capable hands of Elders Keith Erickson and John Gold, service all the vehicles and machinery.

The second Hui Pariha at the Kaikohe Chapel was a very successful occasion. A lovely week-end was had and I'm sure the Lord blessed those members who were there in listening to the spiritual topics that were discussed. Presiding over the whole conference was President Ariel S. Ballif. The women were inspired by the talk given by Sister Grant, President of the Mission Relief Society.

Sports during Saturday's activities were a success as was the night programme. Credit and commendation must be given to those leaders, Brothers Graham Alexander (sports), Aperahana Wharemata (music), and Poi Chase with the very valuable assistance that was given by Brother Pita N. Bryers in the Maori Culture. To top off a very enjoyable evening, a social was held and this, too, was a success.

Sunday, as expected, a spiritual feast was had and those who listened to the instruction, speeches and other topics were, I'm sure, delighted. This was the largest Hui Pariha held in Kaikohe in the past two years. All branches (10) and Sunday Schools (20) were represented and their officers attended the instructional meetings held by the Mission Boards.

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

The attendance at our November Elders' Quorum was down to 35 Elders and five adult Aaronic Priesthood holders, but was still above average. This was followed by the leadership meeting with an approximated attendance of 80 which should improve as the members become more accustomed to reserving this one day a month for instructions in their auxiliaries. This was the first meeting in the new chapel and was a big improvement on past facilities.

Much improvement is evidenced in the M.I.A. activities of the Kaikou Branch and our appreciation goes to those of the Ruatangata Sunday School who travel each Tuesday night to participate in the activities of M.I.A. These brothers and sisters are both members and non-members and many of the members are ones who have just recently come back to activity

after a rather long recess, and we are grateful for their enthusiasm. Kaukou and TeHoro Branches are also practising their choir numbers for our next Hui Pariha in March. This is a combined effort every Sunday evening.

To Brother and Sister Edward and Sophy Rene of the Mokau Branch we extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of their five months' old daughter, Miriam Joy, who passed away on October 22nd.

Births.—To Gordon and Rene Davies, Hikurangi, a son.

To Les and Esther Going, Maromaku Branch, a daughter.

To Harry and Muriel Kehoe, Maromaku Branch, a daughter.

To Melva and Keith Smith, Maromaku Branch, a son.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

The Lord's work is certainly going ahead in this district.

Auckland Branch: Our big Chapel is no longer big enough. Originally built to seat 375 people in the Chapel proper, we have been seating at times over 500, using the foyer and recreation hall. Now divided into two groups as Auckland No. 1 and No. 2 Branches and meeting at different times, it makes for more reverent meetings. This also gives an opportunity for more Saints to take an active part in branch auxiliaries.

A call for a working day at the College in November brought a grand response from our brethren. It was necessary to hire two buses to transport them down; several also went by private cars. The grateful thanks of those men go to the College personnel who kindly prepared our lunch for us.

The Auckland Relief Society Sisters along with those from the North Shore and Tamaki held a very successful Bazaar. This was thoroughly enjoyed by young and old alike. A big attraction, to non-members in particular, was our Samoan Brass Band. These boys played several numbers out in front of the Chapel much to the delight of all who listened.

A number of Saints were present to witness the marriage of Sister Betty Perrot, held in the chapel on the 1st of December. May the choicest blessings of our Father in Heaven attend the happy pair.

North Shore Branch.—On November 4th the Relief Society took over the Sunday Evening service with the inspiring theme, "Seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom." We were very happy that our President, Sister Murfitt, arrived back from Wellington in time to conduct. We were also pleased to welcome Brother Chote from the District, and Sister Kewene, District Relief Society President.

November 5th went off with a big bang in the form of a bonfire party at "This Olde House," complete with guy, rockets, fireworks and sizzling sausages. The children were delighted to see stars showering down from the poplars and in the illumination we saw Brother Ken Murfitt swaying in the toppermost branches.

Now we know why Brother Ken was was exuberant. Biggest and brightest news we have had this month is that of his engagement to Sister Lorna Sparks of the Auckland Branch. We always thought he deserved someone special. We wish them God's choicest blessings.

Hard on the heels of this wonderful surprise came the not so good news that Brother Ken had met with an accident at Hall's Corner. However, after a few days in bed he is up and about and walking on air again.

November 17th was a big day for the Relief Society when the annual bazaar was held at the Auckland Chapel. Each branch had their own stalls and the day was a great success all round. Having it on a Saturday enabled the whole family to come.

These are just a few of the activities out of the year, and we pray that not

only will this 1957 year's activities be even better, but that each of you will truly have A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Hello, folks! The New Year is here with a bang! and having missed the bus last month, I must hasten and tell you all the news.

In November your Reporter received a card announcing that two young Latter-day Saints had been joined for Time and Eternity in the St. George L.D.S. Temple, Utah, on October 13th. The lovely bride was Barbara Lucille Clark and the bridegroom none other than Lieutenant William Godbe Gibbs, a former D.P. of this district. Although "Kipi" will by now be an old married man of three months, we still extend to him and to his bride our hearty congratulations and Arohamui! E Kipi, kia ora korua ko tou hoa aroha!

For two months prior to the end of their mission, Elders Eager and Jarrard toured the country visiting all the branches and teaching Church organization. Their visits were short, but effective. November 10th at Wairoa, 11th at Judea, 12th at Maketu, 13th at Rotorua, and 14th at Mangakino.

Elder Ferrin was another whose labours ended in December. All these Elders left greetings to be passed on to the Saints in this area, and to them we say in return, "Thank you for all your great efforts and work on our behalf. Haere ra! Ka hoki mai ano!"

November 24th and 25th! Hui Pariha at Judea. This was a great weekend. Wonderful weather! Wonderful people! . . . about 250! Wonderful meetings and wonderful kai!

The instructional meetings were some of the best on record. The Mission Officers of the various departments came prepared with blackboards, graphs, charts and record books to teach all auxiliaries how to keep and fill in branch records and reports.

Highlights of the Hui! The youngsters like Cliff Matthews enjoyed the M.I.A. sports at Bethelehem School grounds. Sister Moewai Smith conducted the Primary programme, ably assisted by that stalwart of mothers, Rosie Matthews, and Cambridge Road and Huria Primary children. A good display of handcraft by the Relief Society and Primary children was well worth seeing.

Youth was the keynote of the M.I.A. evening presentation of Maori culture and Drama and Music. The Huria Maori group was notable for its youth and enthusiasm. A play entitled "Arrival in Person" was the contribution of a small group of four from Rotorua, Hine McLean, Jolene Rei, Janet Rogers and Otere Rei. The audience was highly appreciative of their efforts. In the dance demonstration youth again led the way.

Sunday was a day of highly inspirational meetings beginning with the Youth Testimony Meeting at 6:15 a.m. At the last general session it was announced that the district had been cut down in size for geographical reasons. Judea, Maketu, Wairoa, and Te Puke have once more become part of Hauraki. For this reason some changes have occurred in the district presidencies. Honourable releases were given all those effected by the new boundary. The District Presidency now stands as follows:

District President, Brother Pera Tengaio; 1st Counsellor, Luxford Walker; 2nd Counsellor and Secretary, Patariki Rei; District Sunday School Superintendent, Laren TeHira in place of Mani Whaanga; Relief Society, Sister Lena Waerea; Primary, Sister Moewai Smith; Genealogy, Brother Pamea McKay.

A special feature of the afternoon session also was the choir singing of the Wairoa Branch, ably conducted by Brother Don Steed.

Some advancements in the Priesthood were made as follows:

Keith Richard Ormsby to Priest; Donald Steed to Priest; Eric Norman Young to Teacher; Lehi Ormsby to Elder; and Vernon A. Fiddes, Deacon.

A blessing and name were given infant Whetu Marama Shane Mikaere by Tumuaki.

The Judea Hui Pariha ended on a note of high anticipation for the New Year.

Sister Ngawaikaukau, the "Granny" of the Bay of Plenty, was at the Hui looking not so young maybe, but still filled with the spirit of the Gospel.

Visitors from the College were Elder Bird, a one-time missionary in this area, and his family. Also Brother Mat Tarawa and his still new bride. From Auckland we enjoyed the presence of President Ballif, Sisters Hunia and Wihongi and Elders Lewis and Fannin, and Brother and Sister Mason. Brother Hay was present, as was Brother Hixon Hamon, Thames, and a host of others who came to teach and to participate. We sincerely thank them for coming.

Birth.—On September 2nd, to Sybil Ormsby Reed and Donald Reed, Wairoa, a daughter, Jo Ann Sybil Reed.

For the last time I wish to report the doings of a wonderful family of Huria, Brother Cliff and Sister Rosie Matthews. For their years of service in the Church, this grand couple are seeing the fruits of their labours. The eldest son, Benjamin, after spending a year at Auckland University, is now preparing to go to the Otago Medical University. The second son, Midgely Cliff, Jr., plans to go to the States for a year on an American Field Scholarship, ,he too, having gained his University Entrance. The next two children sat for the School Certificate Examinations and are awaiting results. Good luck to all you young students and your parents in all your endeavours.

POVERTY BAY DISTRICT

By Yvonne Rare

The past few weeks have been busy ones for our district and I have here to report several changes in the District Administration and a complete reorganization in the Te Hapara Branch.

The Sunday School Superintendency for the district has Brother Phil Aspinal as Superintendent, Brother Cyril Paea as first assistant, Brother Brian McCarthy as second assistant and Sister Dawn Aspinal as secretary.

The Young Ladies' District Officers for the M.I.A. are: Sister Blossom Mohi, President; Sister Elizabeth Poi Poi, 1st Counsellor; Sister Julie Matenga, 2nd Counsellor ;and Sister Georgina Smith, Secretary. Brother George Tuau has been released as the District Music Director, and Brother Cyril Paea sustained and set apart as District Musical Director.

Sister Josephine Tuhura has been released from her calling as the Relief Society Musical Director with Sister Taini Tua taking her place. Sister Gladys Kopua was released from her calling as District Reporter with Sister Yvonne Rare taking her place.

From the Te Hapara Branch we have a complete change in the Branch Superintendency and all Auxiliaries. The changes are too numerous to mention, but many good and faithful servants were released with a vote of thanks and a deep appreciation of their service. The branch is now under the direction of the following officers:

The Presidency for the Te Hapara Branch consists of the following members: Brother Merino Tehei, 1st Counsellor; Brother Tom Dennis, Second Counsellor; Brother Wairarapa Hamon, Secretary. Brother Ene Tawiri, having been released from his calling as Branch President, now holds the special assignment of Supervisor over Temple and College projects for our Branch.

Relief Society: Sister Noi Hamon, President; Sister Tainui Tuau, First Counsellor; Sister Cherry Dawns,

Second Counsellor; and Sister Julie Matenga, Secretary.

Young Men's M.I.A.: Brother Charles Mohi, President; Brother Merino Tahei, First Counsellor (age group); Brother Henry Lardelli, Second Counsellor (activities); and Brother Percy Kahuroa, Secretary.

Young Ladies' M.I.A.: Sister Rongo TeHei, President; Sister Wairema Dennis, First Counsellor (activities); Sister Yvonne Rare, Second Counsellor (age group); and Sister Rona Riki, Secretary. Drama Director is Sister Yvonne Rare.

Primary: Sister Rahia Hapi, President; Sister Paea Thompson, First Counsellor; Sister Raumia Kaua, Second Counsellor; Sister Enid Bartlett, Secretary; and Sister Arohia Katipa as Teacher.

The auxiliaries have been in action for some weeks now and the M.I.A. organisation was responsible for a bonfire and fireworks evening held on the Chapel grounds. A wide variety of crackers, creating a colourful display, were let off around a huge, crackling bonfire much to the delight of the younger age group present. A light supper was served which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Primary organisation has planned to take the children to the Morere Springs to undertake a swimming campaign. To help them toward this cause, they sponsored a dance which was held at the Ritz Cabaret.

To all those Saints at the College and in the Hamilton Branch who worked with and met Brother and Sister McGee, the news that they have an addition to their family will come as a delightful surprise. On November 14, 1956, Sister Hine McGee gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. The baby weighed a healthy 8 lbs. 5 ozs., and looks just like her mother. Congratulations, Brother and Sister McGee!

While the subject is on families, it is interesting to note that Sister McGee is not the only one with an addition to the family. Sister Rawinia Kelly has recently had two additions to her family. No, she did not give birth to twins. She has adopted a daughter and a baby son only a few weeks old. Her daughter's name is Sharlene Kay; she was recently baptized on attaining the age of eight; and her son's name is Shaun Richard Kelly. We congratulate the Kelly's on the additions to their family.

The recent death of Brother McCarthy of Taihape comes as a sad note to us here in Poverty Bay. His son, Brian, who has been resident in this district for many months and who is well liked and thought of, has made us realise more deeply the loss that is suffered by his family, his friends and our Church at the parting of this wonderful person. We offer to you, Brian, and to all other members of your family, our deepest sympathy at this the sad time of your bereavement.

On Sunday, November 18th, the Te Hapara Branch had many visitors, including members from other branches and new investigators. Brother Tipi Kopua (the District President) and Sister Kopua visited us and participated with us in our Sunday School, Leadership and Sacrament meetings.

From Muriwai we had Brother Paul Whaanga, Branch President, and from Tolaga Bay Brothers John and Cyril Paea.

Three new investigators came for the first time into our Chapel on Sunday and they also participated with us in Sunday School. It is appropriate that we have an investigators' class as the investigators in our branch are gradually increasing. It is also worthy of note that those investigators play a very active part in branch affairs and that four are actually holding callings in the M.I.A. and the Primary Auxiliaries.

Statistics.—Baptisms: Sharlene Kay Kelly, Victor Mohi and Wi Tehei, baptized by Brother Charles Mohi, November 18, 1956.

Blessings: Shaun Richard Kelly, Judith Anne Fletcher, Tamatea Kauri

Greening, and Shane Lardelli, blessed by President Ariel S. Ballif, November 4, 1956.

Births: To Hine and Robert McGee, a daughter, born November 14, 1956.

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KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Elder Arvin J. Lords

Kia Ora, everyone! The good work is still going on here in the King Country. The Elders have been changed around a bit to see if it will help the work to progress faster. Elders Bean and Walgren were lifted out of Kawhia and dropped in Te Kuiti in place of Elders Buss and Riddell who have been sent to the sawmills at Pureora. May the efforts of those Elders help the work of the Gospel to increase exceedingly.

We would like to say so long and Kia Pakari to Sister Koringo Willie who left the King Country and moved to the Napier area. May the good Lord help her at all times in her work there.

George Martin has returned home from Hamilton where he underwent a major operation. We all welcome him back to his home in Otorohanga.

The hard work of the Saints in Otorohanga has been recently rewarded. They have earned from their faithful and hard labours £45 for the College. Their labours have also helped the farmers of that vicinity with fences to hold the stock where they belong.

Once again the Aria membership increases with others coming into the Church through the doorway of baptism.

Te Kuiti is also doing its part in helping the Church to grow. On the 25th of November three more souls were brought into the fold of Christ.

I would like to congratulate the people of the King Country District for the work they have done in getting their Temple Clothes Fund in.

We the King Country would like to join together in wishing Elder Riddell farewell, thanks, and good luck in his undertakings back in the States. I know that the people of Pureora and Te Kuiti areas will miss this fine Elder and the great work he has been doing in the district Presidency.

I would like to join my greetings with those of Sister Waeroa to wish the Sisters in Relief Society and all the members of the Church "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

STATISTICS

Blessings.—Gene Jeffrey Ngatai by Elder Glaydon Ferrin, October 28, 1956.

Baptisms.—Janet Tangihaere, Darcy H. Tangihaere at Aria by Elder Darcy Tangihaere, October 28, 1956.

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

I was prepared yesterday to sit and write this Taranaki news when I received word that our own Brother Bob McCarthy had passed away at the College on November 20th. The love and sympathy of the whole district goes out to Sister McCarthy and her family in their mourning. We shall all miss this fine man, one who was so well loved, especially in the Wanganui Branch where he was our Branch President for so many years. In the past when I have compiled this news report, I have always tried to include some special news which Brother Bob would have appreciated. In my notes for this month I was going to tell him how the Priesthood members had painted his house, ready to welcome the family home. Brother Bob is home now, where his house will not require any painting as the good deeds he did while on this earth will keep his Celestial home bright. We will always have so many wonderful memories of Brother Bob, as he was affectionately called. I remember seeing him arrive at Primary every Saturday morning with about 10 or 12 children piled into his car, canvassing the city for toys

for the children's Christmas parties, working hard in the welfare garden (when we couldn't get a horse to pull the plough, Brother Bob just hitched the plough to his car and took over), serving ice cream at our social functions and inviting everyone to help him dance the hula, his favourite partners being Sisters Stent and Godkin! He was our main cook at Hui Taus and Hui Parihas; he worked hard for our branch and how proud we all were of him the day he was ordained an Elder! He visited the hospital regularly on Sunday afternoons to bring the Gospel to some of our members who were patients there. These are just a few of the things we saw this happy, hard-working man do for the Wanganui Branch members. Thank you, Brother Bob, for everything you did for us; we will never forget you.

I have not received any news from the branches in the district for this month, so we'll just have to give you the Wanganui news.

We were privileged to have a visit from Elder and Sister Clark, their son and daughter during Labour Week-end. They attended our Sunday evening meeting and were away to the College on Monday morning. We hope you had a good journey home and had a good view of Mt. Egmont. Brian Wells, a new convert form Utiku, has also paid us a visit.

There was a "swoop" of Elders during the week-end of November 11th. Elders Anderson and Kaufman were guest speakers in Wanganui, while Elders Gee and Bartschi visited Utiku.

There is at least one happy Elder in the district and he is Elder Jordan. Together with his companion, Elder Gardner, he travelled to Auckland to welcome his parents to New Zealand. Elder and Sister Jordan, Sr., are here on a mission, too, and have been assigned to the Wairarapa District.

Our District President, Elder O. Pearce, and Sister Pearce have been busy visiting the branches in the district and preparing for the Hui Pariha in January.

On October 28th, Brother Waka Heperi was released as Sunday School Superintendent, and Brother Cecil Blythe was released as 1st Counsellor to the Branch President. Brother Blythe is now Sunday School Superintendent with Brother William A. Anderson as 1st Counsellor. Sister Sally Paul has been released as Relief Society Treasurer owing to her departure in December.

The district leadership meeting for November is to be held on the 24th at Manaia. A social evening is to be held at Brother and Sister Anderson's home on Friday, the 23rd, to raise funds for the Christmas party to be held in December.

And as this is my last report for this year, may I take this opportunity of wishing all readers of the "T.K." a very happy Christmas and a New Year full of activity and accómplishments. Let us try to follow the wonderful example that Brother Bob McCarthy gave us in doing the work of the Lord, for when we are in the service of our fellow men we are showing service unto God.

My very best wishes to you all.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Sister Delia Steele

New Year Greetings to everyone from the Manawatu District, and especially those who are in hospitals, sanatoriums, etc., and an especial "Kia Ora" to Sisters Meha, Carroll and Morell, and trusting that these people will shortly be blessed with good health and strength in this New Year of 1957.

As per usual, this report mainly covers activities in the Palmerston North Branch, and there seems to have been a great deal of activity of late. Tamaki and Levin, where are you? They say no news is good news, but I am sure the *Te Karere* readers would like to hear what is happening

in these two branches. So how about it?

Well, on with the news from Palmerston North. On the fourth Sunday in October a co-relation meeting was held, this being well attended by members from all branches. A great deal of instruction was given and many problems smoothed out, and many left with a lighter load than that which they had brought with them, and, no doubt, everyone benefitted from the instruction given.

On the 10th November the Relief Society gave a film evening which was a "thank you" to the members of the branch for the assistance given in making, baking and helping on the stall which was held on Jaycee Market Day in October. The evening was quite a success.

Then on the 17th the M.I.A. gave a very good social, and although well supported, more could have been in attendance. The Social was made up of items from various members and visitors, also games and a very good evening was had by all, especially around supper time! Brother Andrew, from Opotiki, and Brother John, from Auckland, were welcomed to this Social, and they were also present at the evening meeting on Sunday. We wish these brothers all the best, especially Brother John, who I believe is going to the B.Y.U. next year. Apologies for not submitting their surnames, but on one seemed to know!

On the 18th Palmerston North Branch held an officers' and teachers' meeting to straighten out a few problems, and to assist those who were in need of instruction. No doubt this meeting helped the Brothers and Sisters who are in responsible positions and doing the best they can to lead, guide and direct those members of the various auxiliaries, etc.

We still haven't finished writing about the activities of the Palmerston North Branch. On the 24th November the M.I.A. had a picnic on the banks of the Manawatu River, but due to the inclement weather it was not very well attended. However, those who braved the elements had quite an enjoyable time, and we trust that when next we have a picnic the weatherman will be kinder to us and the sun will shine all day.

To round off the month of November there was a Hui Peka on Sunday, 25th. This was the first Hui Peka to be held for three or four years, and it was a great success. Brother Struthers from Dannevirke, who is the District Sunday School Superintendent, was present, and he gave us an insight into the Sunday School activities and it was very gratifying to learn that the Manawatu District is leading the field in several things, and that we are amongst the upper bracket. The meetings were very well attended, and the members taking part, from the Primary to the grown-ups, gave very good talks, etc.

Lastly, there will be our two-day Hui Pariha on January 26th and 27th, probably at Tamaki, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this function, and we hope that the members of our own district will give their full support in this respect.

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WAIRARAPA DISTRICT

By Dulcie Hawkins

Hi, folks! Once again we meet through the medium of the "T.K." and the news, though brief, is very encouraging.

Flash! Top secret of the month revealed. On November 12, 1956, Elder Alfred Jordan and his wife, Sister Hilda Jordan, arrived in the Wairarapa District, and Elder Alfred Jordan straight away went into harness as President of the Hiona (Masterton) Branch. That's not the secret though! Guess . . . Here it is. Sister Hilda Jordan was born in Palmerston North, New Zealand, and has lived the last 45 years in America. They also have a son in the Mission fields of New Zealand. And I would like to say this is a wonderful effort for any family to put forward. Sister Jordan has had the

opportunity of visiting some of her old friends that she knew before going to America and sends her Arohanui to all in New Zealand, especially her friends of yester-years.

The Hiona Branch is going fine and with the new captain they have at the helm they have no fear of running on the rocks.

Elder D. L. Tew and Elder Brown are now our district Elders; we're proud to have them and will support them with our continued help.

Shearing has been in full swing and has drawn many of our members, causing a drop in attendance.

Visitors to our district were Elder B. Eager and Elder Jarrard, who held a meeting in Masterton with both branch presidents of the district, and then left to visit in Dannevirke with the people there.

Before concluding, we in Wairarapa would like to take this opportunity of wishing our brothers and sisters the universe over "A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year." Kia Ora.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

Season's Greetings to all from the "brightest district" of the Mission.

With Christmas and New Year Festivals over, new resolutions should now be made and already put into action; however, a new role in life has begun for Brother Tutuira Wineera, second counsellor in the Wellington District Presidency, who recently achieved notable success in topping the Poll in the Local Makara County Elections. Though it's only the beginning for him we feel it may yet prove yet to be the stepping point to greater achievements in the Political World. We certainly wish him all the best and that he may have a successful run in this new office. Keep it up, Tutu.

The Junior Gleaners of Porirua are really a bright group; recently they organized and held a Dinner Party to celebrate the birthdays of Brothers Aka Arthur, Tony McCarthy, and Kahui Parai at the home of Brother and Sister Bill Baillie, where a very large number of well-wishers gathered on the lawn to attend this bright and wonderful occasion, which concluded at a dance at the Maori Club in Wellington.

The Hutt Branch is really holding their own; though only few in numbers, but gradually increasing, the work is going ahead there in leaps and bounds.

The Wellington Branch, which appears to have been the active branch for news this time, tells of the recent appointment of Sister Dorothy Addeley, a recent convert, as Junior Sunday School Teacher. Congratulations are really hers as this is the first time this office has been held in this branch.

Recently a visit was paid this branch by an Elder LaMar Buckner, who hails from Ogden, Utah. Elder Buckner was visiting this country as a delegate to the World's Congress of Junior Commerce, whose conference this year was held in Wellington. Interested particularly in M.I.A. work, Elder Buckner, a stake M.I.A. Supt. "back home," attended with pleasure M.I.A. meetings in this branch and was thrilled to witness the Maori Culture Programme in action, which was capably led by Sisters Rawinia Haeata, and Piki McDonald. His encouraging words and kindly advice given to all those who attended were greatly and thankfully received.

The blessing and the name Nigel Wilson Smith was given to the infant son of Brother and Sister Alfred Wilson Smith, late of Nuhaka.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

By Judy Hutson

Well, there has been a two months' silence from down here, so we had better make this a good effort. Firstly, we would like to apologize for an error which occurred in the September issue statistics. Lloyd Elder Duncan

was baptised, not William Elder Duncan. And we omitted to mention that Julienne Elizabeth Duncan was blessed.

For all of us October was a busy month as we prepared for our Hui Pariha. A lot of work was put into it, and as a result it was very successful. Those who attended our Saturday evening programme were able to see what the Primary and M.I.A. can do. Even our Elders showed us what can be done with a Maori haka.

The Sunday meetings were well attended and we were given some very fine talks. We were fortunate in having President and Sister Ballif, Elder Hay, Elders Lewis and Fannin, and members of the M.I.A. Board with us. We thank them all for coming and helping us to make a success of our Hui.

At the beginning of November we welcomed another member into the Church through the waters of baptism. She was Sister Jean Rowe who first heard of the Gospel from Elders Brunson and Foote in Blenheim. Sister Rowe had her three children blessed also.

On Show Day a group of the young people biked over the hills to Taylors Mistake. Though it was a cold day those who went enjoyed themselves. On the Saturday, 32 members and friends went to Ashley Gorge for the day and had a wonderful time. A truck was hired to take them out, so on the way home they called in at Waikuku and just about had another picnic!

Since this will be the last "T.K." before Christmas, I'd like to take the opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

STATISTICS

Ordinations: Tufa Fau to an Elder on October 21st by President Ballif.

Baptism: On November 4th, Audrey Jean Rowe by Elder Harold Nolan Reed, and confirmed by Elder H. Del Var Peterson.

On November 18th, Michele June Snelling by Elder Harold Nolan Reed and confirmed by Elder Reed.

Blessings: On November 4th, Jeffrey Alan Rowe, Dennis John Rowe, Vivienne Anne Rowe—all blessed by Elder Alvin Gunderson.

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Marie Elkington

New Year greetings and salutations to our fellow Saints throughout the Mission. We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas holidays and are now ready for your New Year resolutions.

On November 1st a District Mia Maid evening with their Mothers was held at the College. The evening and programme were under the capable supervision of Sister Keys of the College. The girls entertained with singing and two of the Mothers gave inspirational talks after which a sumptuous repast of punch and cookies was passed around.

Hamilton L.D.S. Branch: News flash! On December 1st at the College Chapel at Tuhikaramea a very charming member of the Hamilton Branch was wed to Brother Hata TePuke; his bride is the former Miss Joyce Phillips. Brother Hata is serving his mission at the College and we are sure that with the Lord's blessings and Sister Joyce at his side, his mission will be fulfilled to its utmost. Also we would like to mention that the bride's Mother, Mrs. Phillips, was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints a fortnight previously. Welcome into the fold, Sister.

Interest concerning the new chapel for the Hamilton Branch is very keen. The members of the Priesthood have completed a few of the many jobs assigned to them to help raise funds. The large house which is situated on the site has been sold for removal. However, there is still a lot more and a long way to go yet, so, Brothers and Sisters, let us test your faith by your works.

Primary improves 100%. In this organisation our teachers and pupils have been truly blessed. The attendance has leapt 100% and we have found it necessary to form another class at Frankton. The teachers are Sister Vera Hayes, Rangi Hill, Irena Reti, and chorister Sister Elizabeth Daniels. At Hamilton Sister Murphy is also doing a wonderful job. The presence of a new organ has caused much admiration from the children; we should have some promising young vocalists in this auxiliary. "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

Sister Teddy Watene reports that she is happy in her mission work at the College. Teddy was also a member of our Hamilton Branch. Also Brother Sammy Forbes has been called on a mission at the College. He will depart shortly for his service unto the Lord.

The missionaries still continue to scout through the district, taking with them the word of God and bringing new and lost sheep into the fold. Home Sunday Schools and neighbourhood Primaries continue to spread and those responsible are surely seeing the fruits of their works coming to pass.

From Puketapu Branch, Huntly, comes news of a reorganization in their M.I.A. Strangely enough, this same organization has suffered many changes and upheavals during the course of the year; we hope that the new presidency will experience better conditions and our congratulations to them in their new standing: Brother Goeffrey Heke is President; Sister Hana Tarawhiti, Age Group Counsellor; Janet Waikato, Activity Counsellor; Janet Paki, Secretary; Kathleen McEwan, Speech Director; Matilda Maru, Maori Culture Director; Brother Keri Noda and Sister Wera, Dance Directors. Firesides, though not too frequent, are being immensely enjoyed. An M.I.A. group was invited to a Maori League Party and were able to participate during the programme.

We extend an invitation to all throughout the Mission to visit the College and see its progress; the Christmas holidays may be a wonderful opportunity for you to put in a few day's work on the College-Temple project.

Bye for now and God's blessings on the New Year for all.

STATISTICS

Birth.—On November 15, 1956, to Brother and Sister Charlie Maru, a baby daughter.

Baptisms.—For the month of November we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Butters and Mr. Graham Barnett of Hamilton are now members of the Church. From Whatawhata we have two new members, Mrs. Jacobs and daughter, Rita.

On November 17, 1956, Andrew Wetere Kenny was baptized in the Auckland Chapel by Elder Evan Morrison and later confirmed by Elder G. N. Edwards; the former has since proved an enthusiast and an asset to the Puketapu Branch.

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

The high soul climbeth the high way,
The low soul gropes the low,
And in between on rusty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.

—Bryant S. Hinckley
(Not by Bread Alone.)

Deaths.—Sister Matarai Karena, aged 83, passed away November 14th at her daughter's home, Rakaumanga, Huntly.

Baby Tuatahi Davey, Huntly.

Brother Robert McCarthy of the College Branch.

Our heartfelt and deepest sympathies go out to their loved ones.

Recipe for a Very Happy New Year

By SISTER ADA M. WOOD

TAKE twelve fine full grown months; see that they are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate or jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are free from all the past; have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many people spoil the entire lot this way), but prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven parts of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and spoil the flavour of the rest), eight parts of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, and four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil of the salad out), three parts of prayer, two of meditation, and one of well-selected resolution. Then put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a jigger of laughter, a sprinkling of play and a pinch of good humour. Cook in a fervent heat; garnish with a smile, and a sprig of job. Then serve with a bit of quietness, unselfishness, cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

Let each man learn to know himself;
To gain that knowledge let him labour
To improve those failings in himself
Which he condemns so in his neighbour.
How leniently our own faults we view,
And conscience's voice adeptly smother;
Yet, how harshly we review
The selfsame failings in another!

And if you meet an erring one
Whose deeds are blamable and thoughtless,
Consider, ere you cast the stone,
If you yourself be pure and faultless.
Oh, list to that small voice within,
Whose whisperings oft make men confounded,
And trumpet not another's sin.
You'd blush deep if your own were sounded.

And in self-judgment if you find
Your deeds to others are superior,
To you has Providence been kind,
As you should be to those inferior.
Example sheds a genial ray
Of light, which men are apt to borrow.
So first improve yourself today,
And then improve your friends tomorrow.

—Anonymous.

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

"AND this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3.)

The teaching of the above concept has been and is the major assignment given to prophets from the beginning of time to the present day. Because men cannot be in the actual presence of God every day, the things around them that take the major portion of their time, and the things they do every day to meet and satisfy their physical needs, become so important in their lives that there is a tendency to shut God out.

A classic example is found in the lives of the people of Israel, a chosen people, but living in Egypt for 400 years, they adopted the way of life of the Egyptians. When Moses led them out of their bondage, they were so indoctrinated with the patterns of life of the Egyptians that it took Moses 40 years of teaching and training to get them back in tune with the spirit enough to be called "a chosen people." Many of the older ones died in the training process. It is most difficult to change one's way of life.

Paul, who was among the great missionaries of all times, had the tremendous task of changing the pattern of life of Jews and Gentiles so that they could accept the Saviour of Mankind and put into their lives His teaching and His plan of daily action. They had to break time-honoured traditions that classified them as a select group. They had to reject their chief priests; they had to forsake the comfortable way of living that following the impulses a sensual life dictates.

To the Greeks Pauls had to break down the powerful influence of idolatry and bring them into a common brotherhood with the down-trodden Hebrew.

What about our world? What is the problem of today in a world where Christian concepts have been taught for centuries and millions of people accept in general the teachings of the Saviour?

The first admonition is still the basic effort of the prophet and the missionaries. The world must be taught that the underlying principle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is found in accepting God the Eternal Father and Jesus Christ as personalities as they bore witness by their presence to the Prophet Joseph Smith. This means a considerable change, not only in the thinking of the people in our world, but in the practice of the principle as taught by the Saviour. Until they know God and Jesus Christ as real personal beings they cannot translate the ideals or teachings of the Master into their daily lives.

In the *Doctrine and Covenants*, Section 121, verse 34-36, the Lord says: "Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen? Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honours of men, that they do not learn this one lesson—That the rights of the Priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of Heaven, and that the powers of Heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness."

The task of Moses and of Paul and, in fact, of all the prophets and missionaries of our Lord and Saviour has been and is to teach the reality of the quotation from John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

IT'S ALL IN YOUR FRAME OF MIND

HAVE you ever tried to control your temper and knew before you started to "exercise will power" that you'd fail? Have you ever tried another person's way of doing a thing and knew the whole time you were doing it that it wouldn't work? You bet it won't! You decided beforehand it wouldn't and over half the battle was already lost. When one is so sure a thing isn't going to work, not nearly so much enthusiasm, ingenuity, determination, or effort is used. Deep down in the heart a voice says, "Why try so hard? It isn't going to work; don't waste your energy making such a monkey of yourself."

Have you ever resolved to do better, and found that you used up so much energy in deciding, that there wasn't enough "care" or strength left to work with; the climax was past; the excitement was over, so why bother; it isn't so pressing today as yesterday. Do you give up the first effort of a resolve not to get mad because the people that irritated you didn't change and stop doing that which bothers you? After all, my friend, who is resolving . . . you or them? Did they decide to change . . . or did you decide not to let them bother you anymore? Is the world to stop at your command or are you learning to pattern your living in accord with the rules of life that you may find peace and harmony and be happy? The sooner you learn to accept others for what they are and develop those qualities in yourself which mean smiles in the face of obstacle and recognition of the good in the midst of tribulation, the sooner the "irritating and upsetting forces around you" lose their power and become lost in a maze of happiness.

How can you be free? By living in accordance to *all* the principles of the Gospel, and that takes a heap of living and a heap more of trying!

The optimist may use rose-coloured glasses, but his sight isn't clouded by the shadows of a pessimist's views.

—K.S.B.

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

FROM ocean to ocean the breezes daily blow across Aotearoa. Have you seen them? Have you ever seen the wind? Alan Oringer, a five-year-old blind boy, on his first trip aboard a tugboat, said, "I see the wind."

Whenever the wind
Blows off the sea
To throw herself
In the arms of me,
And press cool mist
Against my cheek—
I cannot speak.

Thus Vilate Raile explained the emotion created in her by the wind.

The ancient Greeks believed Aeolus was the king of the winds and many are the tales told of his whims and escapades.

The old-time Maoris, according to Peter Buck, believed Tawhirimatea to be the god of winds. He assisted Tane in his trip to the supernal realm of Io "by transporting him upwards on the whirlwinds under his command. With his winds, he also dispelled the hosts of Whiro in their attacks against Tane."

"It was the eternal east wind, the trade wind, which dug up the sea's surface and rolled it forward, up over the eastern horizon and over here . . . toward the sunset," said Thor Heyerdahl, author of the book KON-TIKI, in explaining the reason for his decision to sail on a raft from America to the Islands of the Pacific.

The tossing seas, bouncing wrecked ships, gliding sailboats, kites in the air, whirling weathercocks, moving trees and grasses, dancing clothes on the line, hats rolling in the street, women's flying skirts, all these doings of the wind have been described in telling word phrases and rhythms by gifted poets. Stevenson said, "I saw the different things you did, but always you yourself you hid."

It was Minne Case who wrote with insight these words:

I have not seen the wind
But I have seen a rose
Burst into crimson rapture
When a south wind blows.

I have not seen the wind
But when the sun-kissed air
Is full of flying leaves, like birds,
I know a wind is there.

I have not seen the wind
But this, I know, must be;
When waves, like horses, leap and run,
A wind is on the sea.

I have not seen God's face
But I have seen a clod
Become a reaching soul, because
It felt the breath of God.

This is what blind Alan meant when, keenly aware of God's handiwork through his other senses, and in the most powerful words he could think of, said, "I see the wind." So may we see God, not with our blind earthly eyes, perhaps, but with all the senses we have when they feel keenly His great "doings." If we look around us we will surely see Him pulling His children toward His Celestial Realm even as the ancient Tawhirimatea carried Tane to Io's abode. If we look at the beauties of nature around us, at the kindness and growth of human souls, we can truly say with Alan, "We can see the wind, yes, surely, we can see beyond the wind into God's face."

Cornerstone of New Zealand Temple Laid

ON December 22nd, 1956, the events which occurred on Tuhikaremea Road in Frankton marked another important milestone in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Zealand. On this day the cornerstone was laid in the House of Lord, being reared in New Zealand. The nearest Temple, being in Hawaii, over 6000 miles away, few of the Saints here have had the privilege of entering a House of the Lord, and all have prayed for the erection of one in New Zealand.

Large groups of people from all over the country had been arriving for two days in anticipation of the long-awaited event. The College campus was filled with a spirit of festivity as old friends, both members and non-members, were reunited, and a Samoan band from Auckland furnished music for the visitors on this beautiful day. About 12:30 p.m. the crowd began to move up the hill to be seated in the Temple building, and by 1:30 the second floor of the Temple, still under construction, contained 1520 people.

The ceremonies began under the direction of Elder Hugh B. Brown who requested that the people stand and sing "God Save the Queen," and when we sang "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet," many thoughts centered on the Prophet Joseph Smith and President David O. McKay and their contributions to our lives.

The opening prayer was offered by Brother Oliver Ahmu, a faithful Samoan Saint, who with his family are filling a work mission at the College.

The combined Auckland and Waikato District Choirs of 120 members under the direction of Elder Kelly Harris and Sister Joan Pearce, rendered "In Our Redeemer's Name," and the music of this choir touched deeply the soul of every person present.

A reverent, thankful spirit penetrated the air and each speaker expressed gratitude to those who had made this meeting possible. They witnessed that for many years the building of this Temple has been anticipated and thanked God for the progress made thus far. They prayed that this progress shall continue until it is finished and that God will grant that His Prophet, President David O. McKay, will live to come and dedicate it.

The first two speakers were representatives of the Maori peoples and their faith and devotion to duty. In the history of the Church in New Zealand there have been five high priests among these people, and only two are now remaining. As is fitting and appropriate, the "Grand Old Man of the Maoris," Elder Hohepa Heperi (High Priest) arose and welcomed all visitors, expressed his thanks for this privilege and counselled the people "to listen to the words spoken; do not let them lie in your ears and be blown away like the wind." He was followed by Sister Polly Duncan, who was president of the Relief Society for 30 years and who with her family have displayed the qualities of sincerity, faith, fortitude, and generosity which are so characteristic of her people. She has furnished a home for the missionaries and mission presidents, such as our beloved Matthew Cowley, who translated the Doctrine and Covenants into the Maori language while staying in her home, and has been a mother to them all. Like Elder Heperi, Sister Duncan

spoke in the Maori language and expressed her gratitude for being in the presence of a servant of the Lord from Zion. She said, "Tautoko ana kite mihi a to tatou matua. Haere mai Haeremai, tatou. Kia kite ite pononga ate Atua, raua ko tana Kahurangi. Haere mai, ki to tatou whare; he whare nei i hangaia mo tatou; mote whare o Iharaira. I era wa, o tatou matua, e titiro atu ana ki Hiona i roto ia ratou, e hurihuri ana te poropiti e ki ana: ' . . . Haere mai ka haere tatou, kite tihi onga maunga, kite whare ote Atua o Hakopa, ki reira tatou akona ai ki ona tikanga, ki reira tatou haere ai i ona huarahi, ka puta mai hoki te ture i Hiona, mete kupu ate Atua i Hiruharama . . . '

"Ko era te mea a hurihuri ana i roto i nga whakaaro o tatou matua i nga tau kua pahure, Inaia nei, ko kore tera. To tatou titiro atu ki Hiona; kua manaaki tia tatou ete Atua, kua hanga eia he whare ki mua tonu i o tatau aroaro. Ko whiwhi ki tenei tino manaaki tanga nui. Hei manaaki ia tatau e titiro ake ana kia tatau, taemai ana te aroha, hoki atu ana te aroha ki o tatou matua ko pahure atu. I na te korero a to tatou Tumuaki a Kauri, i tana taenga mutunga mai, 'Kei Hiona e ringihiana nga manaakitanga ate Atua; Kua taemai, kua kite tatou, e tu nei te whare nei; Hei aha? Hei manaaki ma tatou. Na reira e tautoko ana ahau i nga korero a to tatou matua; kote korero mai kia matou kia potopoto nga korero, ite mea he tokomaha nga mea hei korero. Na rei ra Kia Ora tatou katoa, kua huihui mai nei. Nga wahine ote Huiatawhai ote mihana nei Kia Ora koutou katoa, Kia Ora, Kia Ora rawa atu . . . ' I feel very humble as I stand here this afternoon, and I pay gratitude to my Father in Heaven for being here in the presence of these wonderful people that have come from Zion. Kia Ora."

Sister Polly Duncan expressed her gratitude to her Father in Heaven for the privilege given her to speak in His Holy House, a Holy House built unto the children of the House of Israel. She testified that the Lord has really blessed them, and that the prophecy made by the Prophet Isaiah is being fulfilled: " . . .Come, ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem . . . " In concluding, she exhorted the Saints to hold fast to that which they know to be true.

Elder George R. Biesinger, Supervisor of Construction in New Zealand, reiterated that a dream was being put together before us. He emphasized the results of unity and organization and appealed for continued co-operation and devotion to duty. He reminded that it is the faith of the people here and their willingness to serve that caused President McKay to say, " . . .I see here the faith demonstrated by the people that they should receive everything they need," and that the Temple-College project was the results of his observations.

President W. B. Mendenhall, Chairman of the Church Building Committee from Salt Lake City, pointed out that we now have 238 work missionaries from New Zealand, 65 of which are women, and 27 supervisors and their wives and families from the United States. The men and women working here are devoted to the project and their faith is manifested by their doing of the work they have been called to do. Those who labour here and those who furnish them the necessities of life are providing an opportunity to enter the Temple for the many thousands who desire to come. Special tributes were paid members of the staff.

He testified, " . . . that if we will but keep ourselves clean and unspotted from the sins of the world, if we will live the commandments of the Gospel, if we will have the absolute confidence and faith that when we are called to service we respond, I promise you, as a servant of God, that no man, no

woman, no family in this land who accepts the call, will need to worry about the sustenance of life. The Lord is interested in building the Temple of our souls; He is interested in building His Kingdom by building His people. And when His people respond to the call which is made of them, the Lord always makes it possible and opens the windows of Heaven and causes that His people are blessed."

The choir then sang "Hear, Oh Ye Heavens."

Ariel S. Ballif, President of the New Zealand Mission, presented to Elder Biesinger a cheque for $400 for the Temple-College project from the New Zealand Missionary Society, composed of returned missionaries, and read a message from home. President Ballif then gave a short historical record of the progress of the Church in New Zealand. He pointed out the effect of the old M.A.C. in the lives of those who attended, how they have become leaders wherever they have gone, and that the new school is being built in order to give more a chance to be " . . .trained to make a contribution to their own people. There isn't anything that's as complete as a well-trained child when he can have as his guiding influence, in that development and training, the spirit of God that's a testimony of the truthfulness of the mission of the Saviour and the mission of the Prophet, along with the teaching in the regular subjects." Today we have 131 missionaries working here, and up to the 1st of December, over 300 people have been baptized, more than 100 over the previous year. By a united effort the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be carried to all in this land; the College and Temple will be completed. President Ballif continued: "This house (the Temple) is dedicated to a work of love . . . But, my brothers and sisters, the one thing I would like to leave with you is that in this building, when it is completed to serve its purpose properly, it can only be done if there is in our hearts a love, a gratitude, a thanksgiving for the sacrifice that has gone into it, for the sacrifice of the Saviour Himself, for every effort that has been made to make this thing possible."

The final speaker was Elder Hugh B. Brown, special representative of the First Presidency in Salt Lake. Elder Brown said, "I stand before you today beneath these two great flags (American and British), flags which have flown together in time of peace and war. We hope the time will come when we will have an international anthem, when Christ Himself will reign, and looking to that time, we might appropriately adopt the last verse of our American hymn, 'Our father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing. Long may our hands be bright with freedom's holy light, protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.'

"As has been said, we have met here for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the New Zealand Temple. This is the thirteenth to be built in this dispensation from the Lord Himself. I bring to you a few verses spoken in this dispensation by Jehovah himself. 'Verily I say unto you, how shall your washings be acceptable unto me except ye perform them in a House which you have built to my name, for, for this cause, I have commanded Moses that he should build a tabernacle, that they should bear it with them in the wilderness and to build a house in the land of promise that those ordinances might be revealed which had been hid from before the world was. Therefore, verily, I say unto you (and this is also to you here assembled) that your anointings, and your washings, and your baptisms for the dead, and your solemn assemblies, and your memorials for the sacrifices by the Sons of Levi, and for your oracles in your most holy places wherein you receive conversations, and your statutes and judgments, for the beginning of the revelations and foundations of Zion, and for the glory, honour and endowment of

all her municipals, are ordained by the ordinance of my holy house, which my people are always commanded to build unto my holy name. And verily I say unto you, let this house be built unto my name, that I may reveal my ordinances therein unto my people; and further, If ye labour with all your might, I will consecrate that holy spot that it shall be made holy. And if my people will hearken unto my voice, and unto the voice of my servants whom I have appointed to lead my people, behold, verily I say unto you, they shall not be moved out of their place.'

"This is a choice land. You people who are led to this land and other lands in the South Pacific were led by the same power and inspiration as accompanied Lehi of old when he sailed to America and this is but an extension of that programme under God. We congratulate you on living in such a choice spot. So choice that under the inspiration of the spirit of the Lord, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, has reached out almost to the fartherest point away from Church headquarters and is building here a House of the Lord.

"I bring to you again the greetings, the love and the blessings of the First Presidency of the Church. An integral part of the programme of the Church in all its temple building programme has to do with the education and character building of the people. We dedicate the houses, but before they can be properly operated, the people themselves must be sanctified and dedicated to sacred service. Just as these men who have spoken are dedicated men, so all of us must be devoted to the work of the Lord. In order that this preparatory work can be done, education has always been an important factor in the religion of the Latter-day Saints. In almost every place where we build temples, tabernacles, and chapels, we also build schools, seminaries, and colleges. We believe in helping men and women to live abundantly here and now in preparation for the hereafter. We believe in teaching men to be self-sustaining, to gain knowledge and wisdom and become more intelligent, more God-like. You see around us here in addition to the building of this Holy House, we are building colleges, schools, and other facilities, for the benefit and blessing of the people while they live on this earth, and thus help to prepare them for the world that is to come.

"Now in this house, which is different from, and I'm saying this for the benefit of our friends, and to remind the members of the Church, this House is not just another chapel. It is not just another tabernacle. People may come to our chapels and our tabernacles, uninvited, and will be welcome, but when this house has been completed and dedicated to God, then only they who by purity of life, sincerity of faith, righteous living, can qualify to come into this sacred building. Here we shall perform the sacred ordinances for the living and for the dead pursuant to the Judeo-Christian theology and religion as recorded in the Old and New Testaments.

"After His death, Christ went and preached unto the spirits in prison and gave to them the blessings and benefits of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I read to you, 'For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit; by which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the day of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.' And further, Peter says, 'For this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the Spirit.'

"This then is our message: that Jesus the Christ, the Jehovah of the Old Testament, the Messiah of the

New Testament, gave His life not only for the people then living, or the people who are now living, but for all men of all ages. He gave an unequivocal statement as to how people can come into His Kingdom and that is by baptism of water and of the Holy Spirit and He made no distinction between them as to importance, for He said no man can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born of the water. Now if that be true, then does it follow that they only who live and are baptized while they live can be saved? If that were true, then we could no longer contend that God is just, for a great majority of the people would under that law be lost. What is the answer? The answer will partially be found in the walls of this sacred building after it is completed, for you will then come and have done for them who went before you, your ancestors, the work which they could not do for themselves, and thereby, you will become Saviours on Mount Zion.

I must not hold you longer here. I bring you that message; I bring you the blessings of our leaders and leave with you by virtue of my special appointment here, my own blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, and say to you people of New Zealand, be true, be constant, be faithful, endure to the end, keep clean in thought and action, live the Gospel in your home, be worthy to be called the Saints of God, be worthy to come to the House of the Lord, and if you will, I promise you that there will be greater things in the future than any man has yet forseen for you, for the people of this land, for your ancestors, and for your descendants. I leave you that blessing and make you that promise and ask God's blessing and benediction upon you in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

The authorities and the congregation then moved to the outside of the building to witness the laying of the cornerstone. While preparations were being made, Elder Brown read a list of the books and documents placed in the box to go in the cornerstone. He then laid the cornerstone.

"It is now my high privilege to announce to you, and this will become part of the historical record of the Church, that the cornerstone of the New Zealand Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been well and truly and properly laid on this, the 22nd day of December, 1956. I make this announcement by virtue of my special appointment and have laid the cornerstone by virtue of the Priesthood which I hold and do it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

"We shall now offer the prayer accompanying the laying of the cornerstone, and I ask you, our brothers and sisters, to reverently bow your heads, and join in spirit and in your hearts in the prayer that shall be offered to Almighty God.

(The Prayer.) "Oh, God, our Heavenly and Eternal Father, we come before Thee at this hour with deep gratitude in our hearts for the faith which Thou hast given us; that Thou art indeed our Father and our God. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast given us a testimony of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Our prayer on this occasion is largely one of gratitude, thanksgiving and praise to Thee, the Lord. Humbly and reverently we thank Thee, O God, for the mission of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, for His mission before He came to earth as a little child, when as the Jehovah of old He led Thy people Israel. We thank Thee that in Thy divine providence Thou didst ordain a plan under which the children of men may be able to come back into Thy presence. We thank Thee, O God, that in pursuance of that plan, Thy Son, Jesus the Christ, came to this earth as a babe, lived as a boy, taught and ministered as Thy Only Begotten Son, and gave His life as a ransom for the people that through His atonement all mankind may be saved by obedience to

the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. We humbly thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that after the death and resurrection of the Christ, He carried the glorious Gospel message to the uncounted dead.

"We thank Thee humbly and gratefully that in this the dispensation of the fullness of times, He did pursuant to His own promise and the prophecies of the prophets of old, come to the earth personally and reinstitute His saving work. We thank Thee, O God, for the man, the Prophet Joseph Smith, through whom this work was instituted in this dispensation. We thank Thee that he was visited by angels from Heaven and that they did give unto him and his associates the Holy Priesthood, the right to speak and act in Thy Holy Name. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that even through the bitter persecutions that followed them while they lived, they endured faithfully. We thank Thee for the men who succeeded them and led Thy people across the plains

"We thank Thee, O God, for revealing to us the Book of Mormon, the story of the ancient inhabitants of America. We thank Thee that from among those inhabitants the ancestors of those heads are bowed before Thee here came from the western shores of America into the South Seas pursuant to Thy plan and now their descendants humbly raise their voices in grateful acknowledgment of Thy kindness, Thy mercy, and Thy love for them and those who went before them. And now, O God, we are erecting this Temple in New Zealand, as Thou seest the cornerstone is laid. We thank Thee for the faithful men and women who have made it possible. We thank Thee for the skills of the artisans, for the willingness of the labourers, for the vision of the architects and for Thy blessing upon all who have participated. We humbly pray that the work on this building may go on now until it is fully completed, that it may be dedicated to Thee, the Lord.

"We humbly thank Thee that this building is erected in this land, so that those faithful Maoris who came here in early days, descendants of Father Lehi, may be remembered by their descendants and saved through the ordinances that will in this be performed in their behalf.

"We thank Thee, O God, humbly for the present President of the Church, Thy servant, David O. McKay. Bless and strengthen him, we pray, and if it be Thy will, permit him to live to come and dedicate this house when it is completed. We thank Thee for his counsellors and those associated with them. We uphold them with our faith and our prayers.

"Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for these faithful people in New Zealand. Bless and preserve them, we pray. We thank Thee for this land and the Government under which they live. We pray that the eyes of the people of this land and all lands may be opened, that they may understand the truths of the Gospel of Thy Son, embrace its message, receive its blessings and then pass them on to those they love. And so, Heavenly Father, in a spirit of gratitude and praise, we unitedly raise our voices to Thee in Thanksgiving, in gratitude, in devotion and adoration. We pray that the laying of this cornerstone may be an epic in this great land and in the lives of the people who live here. May the members of the Church and they who will become members of the Church all dedicate themselves as we shall dedicate this house later on to Thee, that we may all be a dedicated people, that we may be lifted up and blessed, that we may be people of character, of honour, of integrity, of industry, of faith; grant, O God, that this may be red letter day in the lives of all who are here and may these people now, as they return to their homes, feel in their very hearts that they have been under the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit and may that Spirit burn out of them the dross and purify the gold that is in them. May it cleanse them

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To Our Many Friends

2352 East 3395 South,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 2nd, 1957.

Brothers and Sisters,

It would be impossible to reply, in person, to the many beautiful greetings received from so many of you during the holiday season and just as impossible to forget the obligation attached to such love and friendship from you so far away. We pray our Father that it will last, forever, and that we shall some day meet again.

The old year has passed and reminds us that it is the beginning of the new and that the mistakes of the past are our warnings for the future and the accomplishment of the future will be in proportion to our overcoming those mistakes.

The end is always just the beginning and that is the beauty of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no place to stop, but each day brings a new task and each task brings a new joy. Is that what the Lord meant when He said, "Come unto Me, ye who are heavily laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you—and you shall find rest, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light?" He did not promise that he would retire us from labour and that we should have nothing more to do but that the things that we were given to do would be pleasant and light. How beautifully true. There are none so busy and none so happy as those who follow the path of the Lord for in that there are no "hangovers" and the toiler sleeps and wakes with satisfaction and love toward all men.

So our mass greeting to our loved ones is this, "May you be burdened with the sweet satisfaction of service, during the year 1957, and the many years to follow and may Our Father bless and comfort you in all your righteous labours."

The past year has been kind to us and tomorrow we will celebrate the anniversary of forty years of married life. They have been happy years and punctuated with trials and joys that have given spice and interest to life. We are grateful for them and shall be grateful for whatever is left of life and the opportunity to continue to serve in the Lord's great Cause, for Service is what has made our "burden light."

A joyous gathering was held a few days ago in the home of Tumuaki and Sister Young when the Mission Mothers were honoured at a luncheon. The only absent ones were Tumuaki and Sister Halverson, who were out of the state, so Tumuakis Young and Ottley were the representatives of the "Tumuakitanga."

How many of those lovely mothers can you remember? Here are their names—Sisters Hardy, Lambert, Taylor, Wood (now Davis), Jenkins, Cowley, Halverson, Young and Ottley. They are all in reasonably good health and full of love for our Mission and you. I wish you could see the interest in their eyes as they ask questions about this person and that whom they remembered so well. After the luncheon there was open house for returned missionaries and many came during the afternoon and we had a glorious reunion of missionaries and Saints. I think the oldest missionary to arrive was Brother Francis Kirkham and the latest arrival home, Elder Mickelson, and many in between. The latest arrival of N.Z. Saints, of course, was Dr. Paewai and perhaps the oldest Saint in point of time of residence, Brother Sid Scott, from Wellington.

They are part of us, as you are, and we have great joy in each other's association. Each has his own purpose in life and his own work to do and we do not meet often, but with great happiness when we do.

Through the pages of our beloved *Te Karere* and the many fine messages we receive from individual members, we keep alive our interest in what is going on in New Zealand and you may well know that we were all with you in spirit during this great holiday season when you were engaged in laying the corner stone of your beautiful Temple. We can well imagine the good fellowship that exists and the spirit of this great event with Elder Hugh B. Brown in your midst. He carries with him the great spirit of Aroha so characteristic of the Islands of the South Seas (Te Moana Tonga Nei).

Some of the messages convey a little dissatisfaction and unrest and some the news of the passing from life of some who are dear, but it has always been so and ever will be until we all come to a "Unity of the Faith." Even the best among us have faults and if they are magnified will become greater than our virtues, in the sight of the one who cannot endure or who has forgotten that the "Yoke of Jesus" makes all burdens light. "For in that He Himself hath suffered, being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." Whatever our sufferings by neglect, or otherwise, may we not remember that He "has suffered all that and more, for us?"

Dear Brethren and Sisters, walk by faith and KNOW that the Lord does not place those to preside, in any capacity, without His spirit to guide them in their decisions. If those decisions are not righteous that person will be duly removed.

Uphold the decisions of those who preside and withhold judgment when you feel that you are wronged or neglected and your burdens will fade away and your joy increased.

At the beginning of this great new year, Sister Ottley and I and our family and your many brothers and sisters here beg to send to our lovely friends and co-workers in the whole South Seas our love and appreciation and a wish for your happiness, health, faith and endurance for the year ahead and all years to come and finally a hope that we may be worthy to renew our love and friendship in the Eternities to come, according to our works.

With our constant prayers and remembrance we remain sincerely yours,

TUMUAKI & SISTER OTTLEY & FAMILY.

Priesthood Lineage of A. Reed Halverson

A. REED HALVERSON was ordained a High Priest January, 1927, by WELLS T. BROCKBANK who was ordained a High Priest 24th September, 1916, by WILLIAM E. POTTS who was ordained a High Priest 8th July, 1906, by MOSES W. TAYLOR who was ordained a High Priest 6th May, 1901, by REED SMOOT who was ordained an Apostle 8th April, 1900, by LORENZO SNOW who was ordained an Apostle 12th February, 1849 by HEBER C. KIMBALL who was ordained an Apostle 14th February, 1835, under the hands of the Three Witnesses, OLIVER COWDERY, DAVID WHITMER and MARTIN HARRIS who were called by revelation to choose the Twelve Apostles and were "blessed" 14th February, 1835, to ordain the Twelve Apostles by JOSEPH SMITH and his counsellors in the First Presidency.

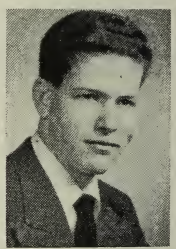
JOSEPH SMITH received the Melchizedek Priesthood in 1829 from PETER, JAMES and JOHN who were ordained Apostles by the Lord, JESUS CHRIST.

Here and There in the Mission

Another of the many Elders who returned home in time for Christmas was ELDER RICHARD ALONZO MICKELSEN, of Rigby, Idaho, by Pan American Airways. Elder Mickelsen has already spent 2½ years at Ricks College as a physical education major previous to his mission, and he hopes to continue his studies; however, he may spend two years in the army first. While in New Zealand, Elder Mickelsen laboured for 18½ months in the Auckland District where he and his companion opened a Sunday School in Papakura, and for 11½ months in the Mahia District where he was Supervising Elder for over eight months. While in Mahia he had the privilege of organizing a Sunday School and participated in the functioning of three others. One of the many blessings received through his mission was that received in learning to understand and become a part of the people and to watch the changes occur in their lives as a result of living Gospel principles. He said, "I have been happy here because I love the people. I love them because of their goodness and willingness to learn and obey the Gospel. It is them that will make the activities of the mission successful. With my love I say to them, Kia Kaha. Mate Atua koutou eti eki, Ka ki ti Ano."

Elder Anderson

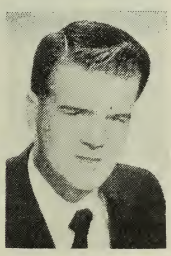
Travelling with Elder Mickelsen was ELDER HARVEY W. TANNER, of Blackfoot, Idaho. Elder Tanner proselyted for 21 months in the Otago District, where he was District Secretary for four months; the remaining nine months was spent in Hawkes Bay, where for six months he was the Supervising Elder. In asking him if there was anything he wanted related to the Saints, he said, "All I really want to do is tell the people how very much I do love them . . . for what they are, their faithfulness, and how much I appreciated their help. It is really them who helped me, far more than I helped them. If I could only find the words." He found the words . . . not in a verbal language, but in the way he fulfilled the duties of his mission and magnified his calling, and in the kindly and helpful manner of respect with which he treated all whom he met. That is real appreciation. Though he attended Brigham Young University for a year, he has returned to work with his three brothers and father in their family business, the manufacturing of farm machinery. His honesty, desire to serve pleasingly, and enthusi-



Elder Tanner

asm for life should be a great boon to them.

Also flying home to Salt Lake City on the 27th of December was ELDER WILLIAM J. RIDDELL. After having served in the Navy Reserves Medical Corp. and fulfilling an honourable mission, Elder Riddell has decided to pursue his studies at B.Y.U. where he will either take a seminary major or become a dentist. Elder Riddell is best known in Wanganui where he laboured for 14 months and was branch secretary, and in King Country where he laboured for 16 months. During his stay in King Country he held the positions of branch president, secretary and counsellor to the District President and was district secretary for the M.I.A. and Sunday School. He enjoyed the opportunity given in a mission to deny one's self for others, to put his full time in teaching the Gospel every day, in hitch-hiking to the place of their various labours and enjoying the beauties of the country and people, in losing himself in his work and finding that

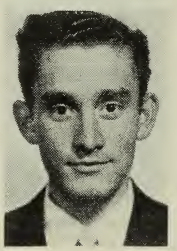


Elder Riddell

the harder he worked, the happier he was. He found that, "Our greatest responsibility on earth is to our Father in Heaven, and if we serve our fellowmen around us, we serve Him. Be doers of the word and not hearers only. Kia Kaha, Korongata."

Three more of our Elders sailed for home on the "Mariposa" on the 14th of January.

Returning to Honolulu, Hawaii, was ELDER ELROY A. N. KALEIKAU. Before his mission, Elder Kaleikau graduated from B.Y.U. with a major in animal husbandry; he now hopes to do post-graduate work in Hawaii at the university or complete a two-year service in Uncle Sam's army. Though he only laboured in two districts, many know and love



Elder Kaleikau

this good humoured Elder who spreads happiness wherever he goes. After spending 15 months in the Bay of Plenty District, Elder Kaleikau completed his last 10 months of service in the Bay of Islands. He enjoyed many things in his mission, but that which made him feel best was after having worked in an area and leaving it, to be able to look back and see where those people have continued to rise, to progress and not fall back. That is the thing which leaves within the heart of a missionary much happiness. "Just say to the people for me, 'I love you.' They'll understand." We do.

Also on the "Mariposa" was ELDER BLAINE M. ANDERSON, of Berkely, California. Having already served in the Navy (he was stationed in Japan and Korea), Elder Anderson has decided to either continue his studies in electrical engineering at the University of California, where he studied for six months, or B.Y.U. Elder Anderson first laboured in the Waikato District for 22 months

(five were spent in district work) where he organized Home Sunday Schools in both Hamilton and Cambridge, as he did in Manawatu where he laboured for eight months in Palmerston North. He is grateful for the opportunity to really learn the Gospel

Elder Mickelsen

and strengthen his testimony as has been his privilege in New Zealand. For this he would like to thank the people who aided him. "Always listen to your leaders; pay attention and do what they say. You may not understand why they do many things, but follow," is the advice he leaves for us. It is his desire to return on another mission. Many join with him in the achievement of this desire.

ELDER GORDON LEROY GALLUP, of Rosemary, Alberta, Canada, also found that a mission lays the best foundation for life that a person could achieve. Elder Gallup farmed before his mission and returns to this vocation with intentions of supplementing his knowledge by attending school at Olds to study farm mechanics and management, and animal husbandry. Elder Gallup taught Sunday School and an Aaronic Priesthood class during the six months he laboured in Hamilton; he then proselyted for four months in the Bay of Plenty, one year in Wanganui (five months of which he was branch president), one and a half months in the Bay of Islands, and six and a half months in the Auckland District in Papakura, where he taught in the Sunday School in excess of proselyting duties. His motto we would do well to practice: "Contrive each day to out do the fine fellow you

Elder Gallup

were yesterday and reaching the top will be just a matter of time."

Each of those journeying home has contributed greatly to the success of the work in their areas and we thank them. May God bless each of you and continue to give you opportunity to serve and help others that your lives might continually be happy.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

—Proverbs 9:7-10.

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There is only one failure in life possible, and that is not to be true to the best one knows. —George Eliot.

Priesthood Page

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION PROCEDURES

First—Bishopric's Recommendations

Brethren proposed for advancement from the Aaronic to the Melchizedek Priesthood should be recommended by the Branch President to the District Presidency on the forms provided.

After a member of the Branch President has thoroughly interviewed the candidate and found him to be worthy, the form "Recommendation for Advancement from the Aaronic to the Melchizedek Priesthood" should be filled in properly, signed, and given to the District Presidency.

Second—District Presidency's Interviews

Upon request of the District Presidency, the candidate for ordination will be notified by the Branch President to meet with and be interviewed by the District President or one of his counsellors. He will be requested to fill in the questions on the back of the form "Recommendation for Ordination in the Melchizedek Priesthood" and sign his name. Then he is interviewed privately.

Third—Branch President's Endorsement

The endorsement of the Branch President of the Branch in which the candidate is a member of record is then obtained. The Branch President also signs the recommend as the President of the Priest Quorum to which the candidate still belongs.

Fourth—Mission President's Approval

The District President next receives the approval of the Mission President for the bestowal of the Melchizedek Priesthood on the candidate.

Fifth—Sustaining Vote of the Church

Then, in compliance with the revelation on Church government, the candidate's name is presented at a District Priesthood Meeting for " . . . the (sustaining) vote of that Church." In case of an emergency, the name of the individual under consideration for ordination may be presented to one of the general sessions of the Hui Pariha; however, the Priesthood Leadership Meeting does not qualify for this purpose.

Brethren should be encouraged to be present at the District Priesthood Meeting or at the Hui Pariha when their names are presented; and it is advised that they be asked to stand when their names are presented.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

A young couple, upon the completion of a tour of the Temple and College Project and after considerable thought, found themselves searching for more information concerning this industrious people. Finding I was the nearest source they posed a question something like this:

"In as little time as possible, could you tell us what is the most distinguishing characteristic of the Church? Then I think we'll have the answer as to why these young men are giving of their time and talents on this project."

Thinking it could be said in just a few words, this term was chosen: "Divine Authority by Direct Revelation." The reason being that in a world where some claim authority from historical descent, some from scriptures, and still others from mere desire, the Church stands out in the claim that the Priesthood has come directly from God the Father and His Son through Joseph Smith and that every worthy male member over 12 years of age has claim upon that restored power. The recognition that this power is an active and vital force in the world today is the dominant reason for the response that is offered by the people of New Zealand and other parts of the world to any call of activity within the Church.

By being able to see evidences around us of the workings of this power, the chances that young men will see and make themselves available to this valuable source of guidance is increased. The recogniton of this divine authority leaves those people of sincerity with no real course other than to subject themselves to divine will, which is made known through those holders of His Priesthood. Thus comes into the hearts of young men the real desire to serve the Lord and do His bidding in all things.

The principles that are taught as a result of this restored power being upon the earth are those and only those which will lead to the most exalted life hereafter. It would be absurd to think that one could find happiness in the presence of those doers of the law if he himself were not in complete obedience. The mastery of the basic law is as important as the very base of a mountain is to the mountain itself. No one has ever claimed a mountain without first successfully making a start and that start was at the bottom. The top is never reached by continually keeping one's views focused on the bottom, but in order to reach the highest point, the top must be the objective.

The "school master," as the Aaronic Priesthood is known, is given as the well founded trail which will best lead the traveller to the crest of the highest mountain and be the pathway by which he may be led to view the vast horizons of the eternities in all their splendour.

If this young couple could understand the teachings and desires instilled in the hearts of the young men holding the Aaronic Priesthood, they could comprehend in ease the driving force behind our New Zealand projects and those throughout the world.

"Wherefore now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand." (D. & C. 107:99-100.)

These words given to us through the Prophet show to us the way that we, as Aaronic Priesthood bearers, can give the answer to the question posed by this young couple in our lives. First, by learning our duties and then by carrying them out in a way that they have the approval of the Creator.

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will yet be wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

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I, the Lord am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.—D. & C. 82:10.

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

"An Old Idea, But Still a Good One"

THE ancient curfew (from the French "couvre feu," meaning "to cover the fire," or "turn out the light") was designed to keep young people off the streets at night. But let no confirmed modernist consider these laws to be outdated. The easy perils of automobile transportation have made them more, rather than less, necessary for the physical and moral safety of our teenagers. If our forefathers clearly saw that teenagers, alone on the streets at night, constituted a hazard to themselves and others, then how can we, who pride ourselves on our tough and practical realism, honestly escape the same conclusion?

There have come to our attention, in recent months, examples of M.I.A. organizations who have dismissed rehearsals and performances long after the last possible closing time which would have enabled the homeward bound youthful participants to comply with their municipal curfew ordinances. These examples are not commonplace, but they are sufficiently frequent to have caused some to raise the question: "Is the M.I.A. really in favour of curfews?"

The answer is unequivocally, yes. If there were no curfew laws, we would ask for them. Where they cannot be enacted we ask that they be observed in spirit. It is our feeling that however strong or weak a youth may be, his chances of getting into difficulty increase with each passing hour of the night. It is not a matter of our not trusting him. It is a matter of whether we have the right to encourage him to follow a course which may carry his physical and moral endurance beyond its capacity to withstand. Ours is not the privilege of thus placing weapons into Satan's hands. Ours is the responsibility of getting our young people home at a respectable hour of the night. Just what constitutes a "respectable hour" we do not attempt to say. We do suggest, however, that your city curfew ordinance prescribes a reasonable minimum precaution: no child under 14 years of age is permitted to be on the streets after 10:00 p.m. unaccompanied by a responsible adult, and no youth between 14 and 17 inclusive is to be found unaccompanied on the streets after midnight. Being "on the streets" includes driving motor cars.

May we sincerely request that every M.I.A. executive, wherever he may be, consider himself individually responsible for observing the following rules:

First, all M.I.A. events should be dismissed at a reasonable hour.

Second, where an event extends beyond the hour which would allow the younger attenders to arrive home before curfew time, then the executives must either dismiss them early, to enable them to arrive home before the deadline, or else they must personally see that they are properly escorted home.

Third, the M.I.A. must not shift the responsibility for curfew violation on to the parents, until every possible corrective measure has been taken. M.I.A. officers will be held responsible, insofar as results are within their power to control, for every curfew violation. This means, for example, that if they have reason to believe that some of their youth are leaving Mutual on time, but are taking extending joy rides on the way home which

result in violations of the law, then the executives are not discharging their responsibility until they have properly called this fact to the attention of the parents, or have taken such other corrective measures as the situation warrants.

In the same spirit of the curfew laws is the rule adopted by the M.I.A. several years ago that no mixed groups should engage in over-night travel. Any exceptions to this must be authorized. May we sincerely request that all M.I.A. executives, and especially district, branch, and division executives, give special heed to this rule. It is a sound and salutory one and should be followed to the letter.

Relief Society

Magazines:

In the December issue of the Relief Society magazine, there will be a full report of talks and pictures of the dedication of the Relief Society Buildings in Zion. To avoid disappointment, as we have not ordered extra copies, we would ask you to renew your subscriptions right away.

Secretaries:

We would appreciate it if you make the best possible use of the report forms sent out to you. To keep expenses down to a minimum, we allocate sufficient and a reasonable number more to do the branches. This also does away with "old report blanks," as ocassionally we see the need to make a few changes, and we like each one of you to be using the current blanks and not the out-dated ones.

Sisters of Relief Society:

We hope that the habit of picking up one of the Scriptures for daily reading is slowly but surely growing on you. This year we hope it will be more sure than slow, as we know the benefits which come from a knowledge of the Scriptures, the extreme satisfaction that comes from individual study. In the beginning it may seem a little discouraging as you don't appear to absorb anything, but did you first of all kneel in prayer and ask in faith that you be given an understanding of what you are to read and study? We are all familiar with the passage in St. James: "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth liberally to all men, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." There is nothing here to say that only a certain section of people are entitled to this blessing; it means YOU and ME. The stipulation which follows, however, places a different meaning on the face value of the above, for we are told, "But let him ask in FAITH . . . "

Genealogy

IN April, 1894, during the General Conference, President Wilford Woodruff related to the conference that the Lord had in answering his prayer revealed the importance of Genealogy work and the sealing and ordinances of our families being done. He then said, "We want the Latter-day Saints from this time to trace their genealogies as far as they can, and to be sealed to their fathers and mothers. Have children sealed to their parents, and run this chain through as far as you can get it . . . this is the will of the Lord to His people." (Genealogical Magazine, 13:148-149.)

Our Two-Fold Mission.—No one can honestly misunderstand instructions so definite and precise. Each of us, by this direct revelation from the Lord, is called to a two-fold responsibility and mission:

1. To trace our genealogies, i.e., the various ancestral lines of "all our "progenitors"—to use the language of the Prophet Joseph Smith—just as far back into the past as they can be followed from existing records; arrange a complete and accurate record of each family group in the lineage; and link up these groups into pedigrees.

2. Seal each group of children to their parents, until each pedigree is linked together by the bonds of sealing from generation to generation, just as far back as possible, or as far as the records go. In order to perform the sealings, the baptisms and endowments must first be cared for; then at the sealing altar the grand culmination of temple ordinances is received.

There can be no substitute for the Lord's plan of redeeming our relatives. No amount of side-stepping our direct responsibility will excuse us for neglecting to do the two simple things required. To help others is always commendable, but our own forefathers have the first claim upon us.

"Now, all you children, are you looking to the salvation of your fathers? For our fathers did obtain promises that their seed should not be forgotten. O ye children of the fathers, look at these things. You are to enter into the Temples of the Lord and officiate for your forefathers." (Pres. Brigham Young.)*

*Methods of Genealogical Research, Genealogical Society of Utah, U.S.A., 1938, pp. 3-4.

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and make them worthy to come into this Holy House and eventually to come into Thy Holy Presence.

"We thank Thee for the President of this Mission and his wife. We pray for them and ask Thy special blessing upon them. We thank Thee for the missionaries that are labouring here, those who labour as labour missionaries and the inspired and dedicated men who direct their labours. We thank Thee for those who are here giving of their time as missionaries, in carrying the message of the Gospel of Thy Son to sometimes an unheeding people, but may they have faith to continue; may they not be discouraged; may they go forth with faith; may they know that though some may plant, others may water, that Thou the Lord will give increase and that it will come. We bless them in Thy Holy Name. We thank Thee then for all these blessings and others unmentioned and humbly lay this cornerstone in Thy Holy House, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord, Amen."

The choir then sang "The Song of the Redeemed" and Elder Charles Wolfgramm, one of the Church construction supervisors in New Zealand, offered the closing prayer.

As the crowd dispersed the choir sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

Sunday School

IN our lives we usually find that the past year is a signpost for the future year. In reading over the articles in the "T.K." for the last year I find these highlights. "How to make a flannel board," "Importance of visual aids," "Influence of the *Instructor*," "Reverence," "Things to accomplish in the monthly preparation meeting," "Storytelling," "What is a council meeting and the duties of each counsellor." Have we tried to put some of these ideas into use in our Sunday School work? If we have not done a few of these things, then we are slothful. servants. Remember our example and leadership affects to a great degree the salvation of others—those who follow. Let's all take a look at the past year and then use the following to do something about it. Take the correct attitude that the job you have nobody else could do. If they could, "The Master" would make sure they had that job and you were somewhere else.

I am also reminded of the story that Elder Hugh B. Brown has told many times. "A man had several cars of coal to be hauled over a certain mountain to the market. He first called on a large engine at the round house. The reply from the engine was, 'I don't think I can.' But the man, convincing the large engine he at least should try, soon had him over and connected to the cars. As the engine pulled out and went down the tracks this thought kept hissing out from the pistons and clicking out from the wheels. 'I don't think I can, I don't think I can.' Soon the mighty engine was to the mountain and started up, 'Don't think I can, don't think I can.' The engine started slowing down and then—stopped. As it backed down the hill it said, 'I knew I couldn't, I knew I couldn't.' The man called next on a sturdy but small engine. He replied, 'I think I can.' And so he started out on his task. As he went up the mountain he kept hissing, 'I think I can, I think I can, I th-in-k I—ccc---aa---nnn. Knew I could, knew I could,' as he whistled down the other side." All of us should take the attitude of Nephi of old when he uttered these famous words. "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them." (I Nephi 3:7.) "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand." (D. & C. 107:99-100.)

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SACRAMENT GEM FOR FEBRUARY

Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father."

(John 14:21.)

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People do not lack strength; they lack will.—Victor Hugo.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD

"Behold, mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion."

(Doc. & Cov. 132:8.)

The thoughts of the Mission Board were with you last month, and we would like to have attended every Primary to see how you started out on your New Year's lesson work. The success of your Primary depends entirely on YOU, the officers and teachers of each Branch. Could we play a little quiz all by ourselves?

Did I attend the Monthly Preparation Meeting?

Did I attend the Prayer Meeting weekly?

Did I make it my business to be on time each week?

Did I greet all officers, teachers and children with a smile and friendly word?

Did I have my lesson well prepared with aids to make it interesting as instructed?

Did I participate in singing time and enjoy it?

Did I remember to keep OUR STANDARD all through Primary and while in the Lord's House?

Did I remember that the Lord is my helper if I seek His guidance?

If each one of us can say yes to all these questions there is no reason why our Primary should not be successful, spiritual and a very happy meeting to attend. Officers will want to come. Children will want to come. Let us aim high: EVERY CHILD IN PRIMARY DURING 1957. EVERY CHILD READING THE "CHILDREN'S FRIEND."

LESSONS FOR MARCH

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 23: Father and Mother.

2nd Week: Baby Dear.

3rd Week: Brothers and Sisters.

4th Week: Obeying Our Heavenly Father.

Respect is a very important thing. If we are to live happily together as a family, we must respect each other. Explain to the children that Our Heavenly Father is always pleased when we obey our parents and are kind to our brothers and sisters. (Refer to Our Standard, June, 1956, "Children's Friend.") In obeying our parents we are obeying our Heavenly Father.

Because Noah was such a righteous man, he obeyed our Heavenly Father and he and his family were saved from the flood. Use flannelgraph pictures of this story if you have any.

Co-Pilots—Lessons for March:

1st Week, Page 34: Why We Pray.

2nd Week, Page 41: How to Pray.

3rd Week, Page 46: Halloween.

4th Week, Page 47: Heavenly Father Knows Best.

You will notice that Lesson One in October is really a Practice Programme, but we will keep that day for a practice for our Sunday Programme in May, thus we will move onto the next lesson. At Hui Tau last year you were all given groups of pictures, among them were pictures which go beautifully with this month's lessons, and will help you with beautiful Visual Aids. Ask your other officers and see if, among you, you have the right pictures. We do not

have the Co-Pilot picture sets, but many of you have the Bible picture sets so as to get the needed pictures. The important thing is to see that the children fully understand why we pray, the importance of prayer and how to pray, and to realise that Our Heavenly Father answers our prayers in many different ways by inspiring us to do things.

Although we do not celebrate Halloween here in this country the children can have a lot of fun. Follow instructions for mask-making from the teacher's kit. You could divide your class in groups, one group visiting and one group being the ones at the home. The group visiting can entertain with items then visa versa giving every child a chance to portray his or her talents. This can be a very happy yet an entertaining and talented day, where every child can participate.

Seagulls—Lessons for March:

1st Week—Page 42, A Career.

2nd Week: The Priesthood.

3rd Week: Sharing Responsibility.

4th Week: The Blessing of the Priesthood.

Did you get a late start with your lessons? There are five Saturdays this month so please endeavour to catch up before the year progresses further. Late-comers combine lessons 1 (page 21) and 4 (page 37) and have the girls fill the alternate Cricket Chart requirements (page 8) to get an understanding of the lesson course and earn their Seagull Emblem.

This month we study four beautiful lessons on women's part in the plan of salvation and the priesthood. Do follow out all the suggestions from your Manual which will help to add interest and an understanding of these lessons.

Trailbuilders—Lessons for March (Blazers):

1st Week: Trail of Spirituality.

2nd Week: The Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost.

3rd Week: Prayer.

4th Week: Right and Wrong.

The first week is the first regular lesson. I hope the parents have received their invitations to attend, but remember it is an ordinary lesson to show them what Primary is doing for their children, not a special programme. Read the objective of your lesson and work towards it. Second week is the beginning of the first Article of Faith; prepare well as this is where the boys receive their foundation knowledge of the Church principles. Note the Plan Ahead at the end of the lesson. The lesson on Prayer is a most important one and a very beautiful one during which general reverence can be stressed. Make the Prayer book as suggested for use throughout the year at appropriate times. Fourth week is the second Article of Faith. These lessons are of serious nature without much activity, so it will be your preparation and variation of lesson presentation that will hold your class interest. Have plenty of participation from the class and use the suggested aids and blackboard suggestions from the Manual, as these not only hold interest, but help the boys to remember their lessons.

For "Dedication of Hastings Chapel" story refer to District News from Hawkes Bay. The Hawkes Bay Hui Pariha will be held in the Hastings Chapel on Saturday and Sunday, the 9th and 10th of February.

Featuring the Districts

WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

To many Saints in the district the arrival of Elder Brown on December 20th was a far greater event than the arrival of Santa Claus on the 25th. It seemed hard to realize that one such as he was visiting us in our small branches and greeting us in our homes. Nevertheless, such was the case, and the big day both for the Saints and Elder Brown and President Ballif commenced at Moerewa at 9:00 a.m. where a couple of the homes were visited. From there to Waiomio and Maromaku where short services were held, prior to travelling to Hikurangi where an informal meeting was held with a number of sisters and children who had gathered for the occasion. Te Horo was the next "port of call" where Elder Brown received a true Maori welcome. After a very nice meeting held in the chapel, lunch was served during which time the official party was entertained with pois and action songs by a large group of M.I.A. members. Following lunch a short meeting was held in the Kaikou Chapel and then Elder Brown and President Ballif travelled back to Whangarei in preparation for the officers' and teachers' meeting and a general session to follow, both being held in the Town Hall and attended by some 200 Saints. Altogether Elder Brown and President Ballif travelled 120 miles that day and spoke seven times each. Truly a great day for our district.

Returning to Auckland with President Ballif were Sisters Birdwell and Manihera. Sister Birdwell had spent 15th months in Whangarei and had had many different companions as well as many different experiences. Just prior to the sisters' departure, our last two Elders were transferred, Elders Spencer and Woolstenhulme, and so we found ourselves without Zion missionaries for the first time for a long period. Many thanks to you missionaries for the assistance given to the Saints throughout the district. See you at Hui Tau.

After one month without missionaries came two new Elders eager for work (and there's plenty here) and not knowing quite where to start. These two are Elders Paxman and Jordan.

The Whangarei Branch have now finished their fencing project. Altogether some three miles have been erected and repaired for the N.Z. Railways. This should boost the branch funds quite nicely.

The fourth Elders' Quorum will be holding their summer social at the Whangarei Chapel on the 16th February and would like many of their Elders to come along and join in.

Our next Hui Pariha will be held at Pipiwai (Te Horo) on March 2nd and 3rd, and we extend an invitation to all who can come to make it a date.

The Waiomio Branch sends special greetings to you all. We quote also from their report: "I wish to appreciate the sisters who visited us on December 1st from the Whangarei District. We wish to thank Sister Ellen Anderson and her companions, Sister Birdwell and Sister Manihera, who have come all he way from Whangarei to visit the Saints in Waiomio. These sisters have visited five homes during an evening and completed an extra three during the morning. It is a great help to see the sisters from the district come and help the Saints in Waiomio. We were all thrilled with the spirit of our Father in Heaven. On Sunday morning we held a little service at the Marae for all the Saints of Waiomio to gather there and listen to our sisters speaking." This fine

sister continues in her letter to thank the various district officers and missionaries who participated in the services and the people who responded so nicely. They are trying to move ahead in working and living the Gospel and look forward to the complete organization of a Sunday School to help in this goal.

On December 15th the 21st birthday of Sister Sue Brown was celebrated in the Parowini Hall at Otiria. The hall was crowded with people from all parts of the district; two bus-loads came from Whangarei. The birthday party was conducted by Brother Hetaraka Andrew of Whangarei, and a good orchestra, floor show and delicious supper conrtibuted greatly to an enjoyable occasion which will be long remembered with pleasure.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

A Happy New Year to you all!

Our District M.I.A. ran the Christmas Party this year, complete with a gaily decorated Christmas tree and prizes from it for winners of the games held. It was a nice evening and enjoyed by young and old alike.

During the course of the evening Brothers Pet Tarwa and Brian Hollis from Tamaki were awarded the 1st and 2nd prizes for the talent quest. Sister Mitzi Rivers from the No. 2 Auckland Branch took the 3rd prize. Many thanks go to Ken Murfitt and Jesse Rood of the North Shore for assisting our Tamaki boys.

The 1957 opening of Mutual for both Auckland Branches No. 1 and No. 2 was quite a big affair in each organization. No. 1 opened their's with a general branch social evening to which all were invited. They had an enjoyable time together and managed to tuck away 10 gallons of ice cream and several gallons of soft drink.

No. 2 branch opened to the theme of "Le Grande Chapeau" (the best hat, to you) on Thursday evening. Each person was asked to make up a hat of their own design and there were some really novel entrants. First prize went to Sister Pedersen, who had a lovely birthday cake complete with burning candles for the parade. Among other novel hats was one made for the fishing enthusiast, being trimmed with pieces of fishing line, hooks, sinkers and miniature fishing rod, also two made from ice cream cones and trimmings; another was a converted straw hat.

Tamaki Branch: The district had the honour of welcoming one of the general authorities from Salt Lake into this land, Elder Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and his lovely wife. Earlier in the evening he met with all officers and teachers of the district and counselled them in a way we will never forget. Promptly after this meeting he was given his official welcome in the traditional Maori way or more correctly perhaps the Polynesian way, for Maoris, Samoans, Tongans and Pakehas all joined together to entertain the distinguished visitors. Afterwards the general assembly gathered once more in the chapel for another unforgettable meeting.

Several of the Saints gathered at Whenuapai to farewell Elder and Sister Brown, who have now begun to give the Australian Mission the wonderful spiritual upliftment they have left here with us. We wish for them the Lord's choicest blessings and a safe journey home on completion of their mission.

On December the 9th and 10th the four branches in the Auckland area met together for our bi-annual district conference. A vast congregation of Saints thrilled to the many fine athletic events and spiritual counsel during this memorable week-end.

On the 23rd December, Tamaki Branch with the others in the district travelled down to the College to witness and participate in the Temple cornerstone laying ceremony.

Our Hui Peka was held on the 16th of December. Instructional meetings were held during the day. In the evening a special choral Christmas presentation by the choir, conducted by Sister Sarah Tarawa with Sister April Garlick as narrator, brought to an end a perfect day.

After serving his time in the army service training, it is indeed pleasing to see Brother Brian Hollis home again.

For several months we used to have in our little town a very serious, conscientious Elder, whom we all learned to love. We shall long remember the lovely smile he left with us and shall long appreciate his generous donation to the chapel in the form of a substantial sum of goods. Aroha, Elder Huffaker.

Work on our chapel is progressing well, and Brother Wolfgramme expects to see us using it early in March.

North Shore Branch: New Year greetings to all from the North Shore Branch.

On the social side the first item on the December programme was a very special party given by the branch to celebrate the engagement of Ken Murfitt and Lorna Sparks. The young couple looked very happy and were the recipients of many gifts and the good wishes of all. Brother Marquis made a presentation from the branch of a water set and expressed the happiness of the occasion felt by every member of the branch. Honoured guests were the Murfitt family and the Sparks family.

On December 15th the Sunday School put on a most enjoyable Christmas party, beginning with 6 o'clock tea, followed by games, carol singing by the children, items and finally a very happy Father Christmas who presented the children with gifts from the Christmas tree.

Another happy event was the Primary Christmas party with games, competitions and party luncheon. The children enjoyed it all with their usual gusto, especially the luncheon.

On the spiritual side the Sunday School gave us a very beautiful evening service on December 2nd, and the talks given by some of the newer members were truly inspiring.

On Christmas morning the branch held a special service at 9 o'clock at "the Olde House." Those who attended were well rewarded by the warm Christmas spirit which prevailed throughout the meeting.

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L.D.S. COLLEGE

By Mihi Edwards

Wham! Bam! Woosh!—Whew!!! There goes 1956. Welcome, welcome, 1957! Many a light-hearted soul celebrated and sang in the New Year during the College festivities. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot."

The boost of the Zion proselyting Elders and Sisters that were here during the Christmas holidays surely helped to create a festive spirit in our campus. Swimming, sightseeing, talent quests, dances and sports kept our recreational programme in full swing. What a time we all had . . . happy bright faces everywhere!

Now dear missionaries, what does the future bring for us? What is there in store for you and me? Will the College be completed by 1958? Questions! Questions! Only you and I can answer them. Appeal for us, dear districts; we need more faithful workers, more money, more food; this is our cry.

Just now I can see that distinguished figure of a man with white silvery hair and tall of statue pleading with us to be faithful and humble, telling us to be wary of the adversary. How wise and beautiful are Elder Hugh B. Brown's words, a man who has given his time and love to be with us in the N.Z. Mission.

Much work has been accomplished over the past month, thanks to the extra help given by the proselyting elders. All personnel have recently realised what a vast work there has

been done and more important what a vast work there is to do. The weather elements have been very favourable. The Temple crew is completing the walls on the third floor above ground. The David O. McKay building (auditorium) crew has just completed roofing the cafeteria and corridor section and are determined to have the gymnasium ready for Hui Tau. The classrooms are rapidly reaching the completion stage with all the different finishing departments in full swing in that area; the same can be said for the girls' dormitories as they will be completed in the near future. The painters are doing a wonderful job in keeping up with the finishing crew. Elder Wimmer and the joinery crew are keeping up with the many demands and requests for material work from their departments. We thank the farm crew in their efforts for the wonderful supply of fresh vegetables and what have you in the kitchen larder. As summer is reaching its peak and the days are getting warmer, all are regretting the fact that Elder Brown started on the wrong end of the auditorium—the cafeteria—thinking of his stomach first before the swimming pool.

We would like to congratulate the well-deserved winners of our talent quest held December, 1956. This talent quest was organized by the Music Committee. The winners were—Inexperienced Section: Eric Duncan, impersonation act. Experienced Section: "The Latters," Chiefie Elkington, Sona Selwyn, Kahu Pineaha, Manu Elkington, and Trevor Ferguson. Polynesian Group: "Bay of Islands Maori Group" led by Wati Sadler.

Congratulations to you all. Trophies were presented by Elder Oliphant.

To whoop the New Year with joy and love were babies sent to Ray and Joyce Park, a girl; Hana and Cleo Smith, a girl; Putu and John Smith, a boy; Harriet and Bertie Purcell, a boy. Congratulations!

Welcome home, Sister Jessie Brown; we are happy to see you again and to know that your daughter, Jackie, is well.

We appreciate the help given by those who spent their Christmas vacation here at the College; we acknowledge the couple that came all the way up from the South Island to stay with us for two memorable weeks. And to the school children and others that were with us. Thank you.

Some of the boy wish to say hello to the boys in the military camps. Hope you all are happy there, even if the uniforms and haircuts are tweedie tweedie.

Showers of love and warmth from all the missionaries here at the College. May this year, 1957, bring you love and happiness in all your righteous desires and endeavours.

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HAURAKI DISTRICT

By Matiti Watene

Our Hui Pariha took place on the 17th and 18th November at Thames, commencing on the Saturday with departmental instructional meetings, where we met with the Mission Board to receive these inspiring instructions. Following this a move to the Chapel where a display of handwork by the Primary and the Relief Society were in exhibition. Later in the afternoon activities by the Primary and the M.I.A., under the leadership of the district officers, took place, where everyone enjoyed the spirit of "playtime." In the evening a programme was produced by the Primary where the children demonstrated through the use of Visual Aids the Children's Friend magazine. The M.I.A. followed. The standard of M.I.A. was portrayed by cultural arts, followed by a recreational period under the direction of the M.I.A. Mission Board.

Sunday, amidst the beautiful weather, inspiring meetings were enjoyed by all in attendance. Ordained as Elder at the Hui was Brother Toko Renata of the Ahimia Home Sunday School. Speakers and guests to our Hui Pariha were President and Sister Ballif, Brother Joseph Hay, Brother

and Sister Mason, Sister Grant and her officers of the Relief Society, Mary Bryan, Brother Dorrington, and Elder Bird and his fine family.

Transferred from the Hamilton Branch, we extend a hearty welcome home to Sister Marice Tanira who is now taking up temporary residence with her brother, Reginald Tanira, at Waihi. "Welcome home," Marice. Another regular visitor to our branch is Sister Josephine Mita who is also residing in Hamilton, and by the way, has announced her recent engagement. We, throughout the Hauraki District, wish you the very best, Josephine.

In connection with the District Presidency to Elder David Woods that was published last month, Brother Ralph Hamon as 1st Counsellor was omitted in the publication of the *Te Karere*.

Finally, in our "news box" we wish to announce the extension of the Hauraki District's boundary to Maketu, so we welcome the Wairoa, Cambridge Road, Huria and Maketu Branches back to their former district which was divided in 1949. This event marks and unfolds many happy memories of the missionaries, the Saints, the old folks and the many experiences of a united people such as they of the Huria Branch. With the increase of the membership now from 390 to about 700, let us, the northern part of the district, be more on the alert than we have been in the past seven years, now that the extension has been made only to increase our membership which means more work and enthusiasm from us from this end.

God bless you all in this the New Year, and give many more efforts of enthusiasm in serving our Heavenly Father and our fellowmen.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

News from Kawerau which missed the last report concerns a very small but enthusiastic group of Saints among whom are several new converts. A Bazaar before Christmas netted them the sum of £35/10/0 which was a jolly good effort. The Study Group, however, are studying hard, showing they are not only intent on material but spiritual gain. Three converts are now holding the Aaronic Priesthood: Ross Jones, Deacon; Ray Ritchie, Deacon; and Arthur Holland advanced to Priest. Brother Ritchie has also been appointed Second Assistant in the Sunday School Superintendency.

Shortly after the Hui Pariha at Huria, Tumuaki Ballif made a special trip to Rotorua to meet with the Saints there and to reorganize the Branch Presidency owing to the release of Brother Pat Rei for district duties. As a result of that visit and a subsequent visit by the district authorities, the new set-up in Rotorua is as follows: Branch President, Leonard Ormsby; 1st Counsellor, Jim Waerea; 2nd Counsellor, John Josephs; Sunday School Superintendent, Messines Rogers; First Assistant, Otere Rei; Second Assistant, Walter Josephs; Secretary, Clementina Ormsby; Genealogy Committee President, Joe Wharekura; Secretary, Taiti Wharekura.

New Year's Day was a great day for the family of Brother and Sister Hirona Wycliffe at Whakarewarewa. Joe and Kura Pinker were host and hostess to Elder Hugh B. Brown and Sister Brown of Salt Lake City at a luncheon in their home. Other guests included Tumuaki and Sister Ballif and family, and Elder and Sister Evans of the College. The words spoken in that home will, I am sure, be a blessing to the whole family and to the Rotorua Branch. The whole personnel of the College, 350 strong, visited the thermal regions on that day, and they enjoyed every moment of it. Just look at their report for this month!

The annual influx of Christmas visitors to Rotorua showed many new faces at our Branch meetings. We were happy to welcome Sister Garlick and Sister Anaru, Whangarei; Sister Muri Ormsby, Auckland; Brother and

Sister Paul Ormsby, Hamilton; Sister Bround, North Shore; Brother and Sister Mark Metekingi, Porirua; and visiting Elders Johnson, Frandsen and Rasmussen. We hope you all enjoyed your stay with us.

The New Year is well into its stride now and the District Officers are once again on the move visiting and checking the work of the Branches and the various organizations. Let us resolve to work hard now and make this year, 1957, a better year than the last!

Rotorua advancement in the Priesthood: Walter and Roland Josephs to Teachers.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

Greetings to all from the "Fruit Bowl" District of the Mission. A good New Year with many blessings in it! Once more go forth the kindly wish and word, A Good New Year! and may we all begin it with hearts by noble thoughts and purposes stirred.

History is the methodical recording of events of peoples and nations. An event of vital importance to all here and the Church was the dedication of the Heretaunga Chapel, Hastings, on December 15th, 1956, by Elder Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Twelve Apostles. It was a privilege and honour to meet Elder Brown and especially to hear him speak to us in three sessions, the last session being the dedicatory one. Visitors came from far and near. Through modern day transportation we now have no trouble in seeing Elder and Sister Mendenhall, California Stake, U.S.A., in our midst quite often. We welcome them with open arms and a big Kia Ora!

Prior to the beginning of the Saturday evening session, Elder Brown and Tumuaki Ballif met with all District and Branch officers and teachers.

Speakers at the three sessions were: Elder Denis, Elder Bird, Elder Biesinger, all from the College, and Elder Mendenhall, Supervisor of all Church construction; Tumuaki Ballif, President of the New Zealand Mission; Brother Paul Randall, President of Heretaunga Branch; Brother James Southon, District President of Hawkes Bay; Brother Charles Wolfgramm, Constructor of the Heretaunga Chapel. These three young Maori brethren are M.A.C. Old Boys who were students when Tumuaki Ballif was Principal of the M.A.C. College. They are leaders!

During the 10 o'clock session, Sister Denis, Sister Bird, Sister Ballif and Sister H. Brown also spoke to us.

Truly, we feel that Elder Brown is a man of God, whose words stirred our very souls and engulfed us all in his forceful, dynamic proclamations of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and his testimony of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith lifted us up and we were filled with the essence of the Spirit of God that was surely manifested.

During the Dedication session, the most beautiful of all prayers was sung by Brother Mark Metekingi of the Porirua Branch, "The Lord's Prayer." How well you sang, Mark! Thank you. It was indeed a sermon.

At the close of the 2 o'clock session and to a packed chapel of visitors, good friends of the Church, and members, the dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Elder Hugh B. Brown, after which the district choir sang "Bless This House." Surely it was a great spiritual feast!

On December 15th at 4 o'clock a plaque was laid on the M.A.C. Memorial Gates at Korongata by Tumuaki Ballif. A number of Old Boys attended; it was indeed a touching ceremony, especially to all those who have passed on and of the memories of M.A.C. school days. Kia kaha, Old Boys, you are an inspiration to the youth of the Church.

Our closing leadership meeting for 1956 was held December 29th. Presiding District Presidency was as follows: James Southon, Claude Hawea, Tutu Wanhui and secretary, Thomas Karena.

I heard the Old Year talking, and he seemed to say to me, "I am what mankind has made me, not what I had hoped to be; I did not bring the failures; my days were bright and new; I was but the time allotted; the work was men's to do!" There *is* work to do!

Shearing activities are over. A great number of wage earners have donated a day's pay to the College-Temple fund.

Officers and teachers are fully equipped from the leadership meeting with instructions, materials, and the sustaining vote of everyone and now let's go! Everyone has been spiritually renewed and revitalized since hearing Elder Hugh. B. Brown. A group of our people went by bus and cars to the cornerstone laying of the Temple, Hamilton.

M.I.A. opened the New Year with a BANG! On January 1st a district social get-together was held in the Heretaunga Chapel recreation hall. Good show and thanks a lot, District M.I.A. Board!

Seems to be some riding here and riding there. It's not "Lochinvar has come out of the West" but District officers going north, east, south and west in the district, touching up, bringing advice and counsel or that ever-so-important personal contact.

We have seen a lot of familiar faces from other districts here, holidaying and working. Maybe some of you will be staying permanently?

Welcome home, Sister Teraipine (Tooke) Reid of Korongata. She has been in Auckland some months engaged in the "Beauty Business" (hair).

Activities in the Te Hauke Branch have been peppered up. Branch leadership was held January 6th. Tithing accounts are being checked and brought up to date. Genealogy Committee have commenced work for 1957 with an excellent Sunday evening meeting.

It is with pleasure that the engagement of Sister Eve Purves of Hastings to Elder James H. King of Washington be made public. Congratulations to you both!

We hope to have news of ordinations, births, marriages, etc., for you next month.

In closing this bulletin we pray for the young people returning to the Colleges. May added success be yours in the education fields. Kia kaha, e tama ma, e Hine ma. Cheerio!

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

"The tumult and the shouting dies," and holidays are over for most people. As we start a New Year let us resolve that we go forth together, for "united we stand; divided we fall."

The members of the Taranaki District wish all readers of the *Te Karere* a very happy and prosperous New Year and may you all be able to gather lots more information for your genealogy. Could I through "T.K." sincerly thank all of you who have expressed their appreciation of my reporting efforts in bringing you news of this district and to keep you up to date? Here is the news from Wanganui, anyway!

We had a wonderful party at the home of Brother and Sister W. Anderson to raise funds for the Children's Christmas party. This was held at Aramoho Park; those that attended had a wonderful time. I'll give you a tip though; don't have a wheelbarrow race with your son or daughter. You'll be stiff for a week!

On the first Sunday in December the Sunday School provided an interesting evening programme. The singing of "I Stand All Amazed" by the secondary group was really lovely.

The Relief Society had on their "final night for 1956" an enjoyable supper with the Priesthood in attendance. Later on in December Sister Louisa Stent was released from the position of Relief Society President. We all appreciate the work Sister

Stent did in this position; she helped to make Relief Society really interesting and we hope this organization will go forward in 1957 as it did in 1956. Thanks a lot, Sister Stent.

On the 18th a farewell party was held in the home of Brother and Sister Heperi for Sister Sally Paul who is to return to Wairoa, H.B. She was to have left Wanganui on the 20th, but what with the Temple cornerstone laying and our Hui Pariha on the 19th and 20th of January (for which we are all hard at work) Sally will be leaving a month later than anticipated.

When the Manawatu District looked around the hall the night Elder and Sister Hugh B. Brown visited Palmerston North, they saw a large number of Taranaki people there. It was a wonderful evening and well worth the trip down.

We were very pleased to see Charlie McCarthy down in Wanganui for a short visit.

I think this is the shortest amount of news I've ever sent into the *Te Karere*, but I'm still on holiday and have just got "scorched" at Scoreling Bay in Wellington, so until next month when I'll bring you the latest news of the Taranaki District, it's Cheerio for now.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

December was certainly a full and eventful month for the district. Taking place at Porirua on the 1st and 2nd was our district Hui Pariha, and though the weather wasn't at its best, it still carried on, beginning with instructional meetings of all departments with Mission Supervisors, where valuable knowledge and greater understanding of organizational work was given and received. Concluding with sessional meetings everyone felt happy with a greater determination to do better in the New Year.

Following the release of Brother Mark Metekingi from District Secretary, this office is now filled by Brother Douglas Whatu. Released from district duties as Sunday School Supt. is Brother Ian Dennison and from M.I.A. Brother Thomas Edmonds.

An evening to remember was the 15th when Elder and Sister Hugh B. Brown with President and Sister Ballif visited this district at the Porirua Chapel. After meeting with missionaries and leaders of the district, a general session was conductel where people far and near gathered to hear his word and counsel. What a thrill it was to sit and listen to his advice; how humble one felt as he made the Gospel live and clearly showed that this was the only way the Lord had given to His children to come back to His kingdom! To give all the opportunity of meeting and associating with them a social evening was conducted where all put their best foot forward and really made the night alive with one gay and happy time.

Again one of our Zion missionaries has left us to return home and thanks and appreciation are given for his wonderful service. To Elder Kay we say farewell and best of luck in the future years. Taking over where he left off is Elder Tew who will serve in the Wellington Branch; to him we say welcome and trust that life in the district will be your happiest. A special goodbye to Elder Johnson who left the district for Rotorua; our thanks to you for everything. In his place comes Elder Gardner from Taranaki who with Elder Elledge will keep Porirua going.

Recently one of our girls left the district to accept a call in the mission field, commencing in Auckland. To Sister Malina Wolfgramme of the Wellington Branch we wish you joy and happiness in your missionary life.

Recently a baptism was held and welcomed into the fold and very happy to be one of us are Sister Dawn Hensley and Brother James McCulley and also little John Elkington, Jr.

There is a New Year drive in the Wellington district to have a group sheet for every family in the district and for their forbearers as far back as they can go. To help Brother Thomas Parks, District Genealogy Chairman, attain this goal, the President of the 9th Elders' Quorum and the District President have made this resolution an assignment for all the Elders and Adult Aaronic men in the Wellington District with monthly check ups at Leadership Meetings.

Word has been received from the 9th Elders' Quorum President, Brother James Elkington, that from the four southern districts 17 responded to the call for holiday workers.

A very fortunate and lucky little group were those who from the district attended the dedication of the Hastings Chapel and the Temple cornerstone laying.

Wellington "T.K." agent, Sister Grace Smith, is in the news with her recent engagement to Brother Prim Harris of Dannevirke.

Recently holding her 21st birthday party in Wellington was Sister Leah Manihera; friends gathered to help her share this occasion and to wish her well.

A wonderful Christmas Day gift in the form of a baby girl was presented to Brother and Sister Thomas Parkes.

Hutt Valley, known as our quiet branch, recently held their Christmas Party which was one of the gayest and brightest affairs of the year.

Porirua Branch reports that Cupid has been very busy and causing wedding bells to ring for its young members. Joining hands together were Sister Turari Solomon, daughter of Brother and Sister Joe Solomon, and Albert Salzmann of Austria. They were united at the chapel with the reception at the local meeting house.

Also uniting themselves at the chapel with the reception being held at the bride's grandmother's place, were Sister Eva Parata, daughter of Sister Tilly Ballie, and Malcolm Watts of England.

A very pretty occasion was the garden wedding and reception of Sister Anita Pou, daughter of Brother and Sister Frank Pou, and Brother Alec Wineera ,held at the home of Brother and Sister Alec Wineera, Sr.

News has been received from England of the wedding of Brother Gordon Little of Wellington to Gwen Hall of Liverpool; both plan on returning to make their home in the district.

The engagement is announced between Sister Grace Pene and Brother Thomas Edmonds.

Returning home for a short period after seeing half the world on board the "Royalist" as a navyite is Brother Mervyn Kenny.

A service with the theme, "What It Means to Teach," was conducted by the Sunday School on December 2nd, as was a programme commemorating the anniversary of the Prophet Joseph Smith, conducted by the local Elders.

A banquet and dance was the setting for the 21st birthday of Sister Mary Ropata which was held at the local meeting house.

To wind up the year's work the Porirua and Wellington M.I.A's combined together and held their Christmas Party with a bang at the Porirua Recreation Hall. With the hall decorated to correspond with the occasion, plus a beautiful tree and lots of gifts, Santa appeared and added a bright climax to the evening. Thanks, Brother Pou.

It was good to see our Elder Gunderson passing through from the South Island enroute to the College with his company at this celebration.

We received a happy visit from Brother Merrill Moon of Washington, whose ship, enroute to the Antarctic, called in to Wellington. Incidentally, he was one of the fortunate one's to also visit at the College-Temple project.

KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Elder Arvin J. Lords

Tena Koutou, E Hoa Ma. The King Country has been bustling with activity these past few days since Christmas.

The Elders from Zion enjoyed a very enjoyable two weeks at the College doing some back-breaking physical labour during the Christmas holidays. We enjoyed the company of the people there and the privilege of working with them.

The preparations for the Hui Pariha which was to be held on the 12th and 13th of January was completed in time, and the two-day Hui came off on the planned days. We were delighted to have present at the Hui Pariha Elders Hymas and Lewis of the Mission Presidency, Brother and Sister Howe and Brother Hay of the Genealogical Committee, also Sister Hemmingsen of the M.I.A. and Sister Hunia of the Relief Society. We are deeply sorry that our beloved Tumuaki Ballif was ill and couldn't attend our Hui Pariha. I wish to convey the wish of all the people here in the King Country to President Ballif: may the Lord bless you and return your health and strength soon.

Saturday, the 12th, started our Hui with a meeting of the different auxiliaries advised by the Mission representatives. During the afternoon we had a few sports with softball being the main event. It was a beautiful day. During the evening there were different parts put on by the Primary, M.I.A., and Relief Society; the plays and the rest were very good. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

Sunday, 13th of January, was started by a testimony meeting which was well attended by both young and old. The rest of the day was composed of auxiliary meetings and two general sessions of Conference. Many inspirational thoughts and words of wisdom in counsel and instruction were given.

At 6 o'clock everybody was happy to see kai time. There was a very good meal waiting for us to consume, salads, meats, potatoes, lovely desserts, and plenty of everything. I would like to send our words of gratitude and thanks for the very good work that the Relief Society sisters did towards the kai and making the Hui a success.

That evening there was a regular Church meeting for those who wished to attend. There were also some good talks rendered at that time . . . and thus ended the second day of our Hui.

There have been two lightning visits of the Mission authorities to the Matakowhai Branch to see how things are going there. The Relief Society of Matakowhai had a special programme using the theme of "Seek Ye Out of the Best Books Words of Wisdom." The programme was very successful.

A branch picnic was held with an attendance of 53 children and 12 adults. They had plenty of hamburgers, sweets, drinks, ice cream and other refreshments. The highlight of the day was in the sports as played on the beach. The proceeds of the picnic go for the College-Temple funds which will be added to by £15.

Congratulations to Mihi Paki and Sydney TeMira of Taharoa. They were married by Elder Darwin Olsen as 600 witnessed it. May the Lord bless this lovely couple with happiness in the life together.

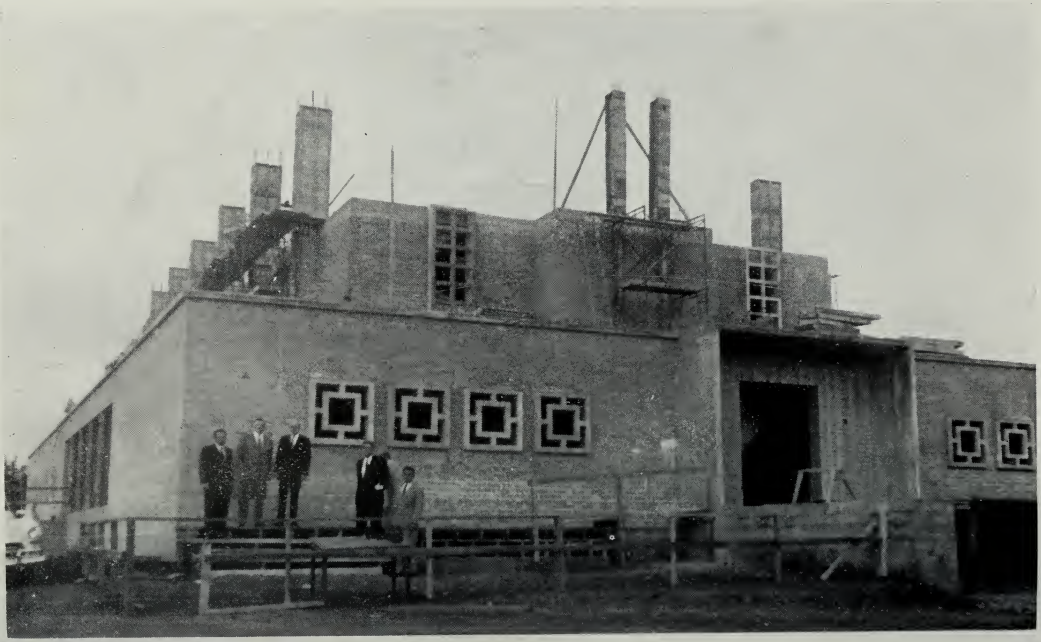
There was a shadow cast over the Christmas period by the death of Sister Molly Maori Tauira of Mokomaki which came after eight months of illness. Our deepest sympathy go to her husband and family, namely Jackie, Roberta, Linda and Douglas.

There was a Genealogical meeting held at Pureora on the night of January 15th which was well attended: Brother and Sister Howe contributed greatly to the discussion and solving of problems.

So long, everyone; may the Good Lord continue to bless you.

Elder George R. Biesinger accepts from President Ariel S. Ballif a cheque for $400.00 from the Returned N.Z. Missionary Society.

Sister Polly Duncan speaks as a representative of the Maori people.



New Zealand Temple at time of Cornerstone Laying. Left to right: Elder George R. Biesinger, W. B. Mendenhall, Hugh B. Brown, A. S. Ballif, Bird and Dave Evans.

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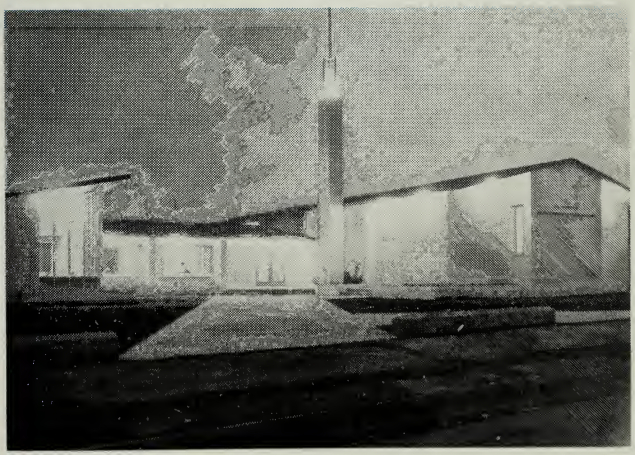

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Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

IT'S a funny thing, a very, very funny thing how many facts there are in this world to learn about. Take a word, for instance, any old word, and start thinking about it. Of course, to get anywhere in thinking you will have to do a little reading, talking, and in various ways investigating, but before you know it you will be amazed at the amount of information there is available on the subject.

Since this is the month of March, take the word "march." Of course, you know that March is the third month of the modern calendar, containing thirty-one days, but did you know that it was the Romans' first month until the adoption of the Julian calendar in 46 B.C., and it continued to be the beginning of the legal year in England until the 18th century? The Romans called the month Martius, in honour of the god of war, Mars. There is an old saying that March borrowed the last three days from April and as late as the end of the 18th century the first three days of March were known as "Blind Days," and were thought to be unlucky.

The 17th of March is St. Patrick's Day, dear to the Irish, but did you know that it was the anniversary of his death in 493 and not his birth?

March 17th is especially noted by the women of the Church because it is the birthday of the Relief Society, the first auxiliary to the Priesthood. It was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1842 with 18 women and now numbers over 150,000.

March 3rd, a hundred and fifteen years ago, a Scotch "Bell" lad was born. While trying to make an electrical device which would improve the hearing of his young wife who was deaf, he invented the telephone.

The word "march" is from the French "marcher," to walk; and the origin has usually been found in the Latin Marcus, "hammer"; hence to beat the road with the regular tread of soldiers. The movement of military troops with regular rhythmical steps has been aided by the beat of drums, the sound of pipes, bugles or bands, and such music is known as march music.

March is a transitional time between seasons, a time for change, a time to march forward. You see what I mean about the many things there are to learn about a word? Take March, for instance. March is the name of a month, 31 days and its very name is stimulating, challenging. It commands us to move ahead, to pick up our old feet and march, march, march, with the rhythmic beat of a song, onward and upward. It bids each of us to march, march, march, with head held high, a smile on the lips, and love in the heart, into greater knowledge, greater activity, greater happiness

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EDITORIAL . . .

WHY LISTEN?

MANY of our members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are converts. They have been reared in other faiths, but through the influence of another have heard and heeded the teachings of the Restored Church. Our missionaries daily contact hundreds of people; some listen while others turn away. Why? Don't all people desire to return to the presence of God? Often those who lead degrading lives will change and strive to become "citizens with the saints" while people who lead "a good life" will not listen to our message. Why? Why do some who have been convinced of the Gospel's truth refuse to enter the waters of baptism? Yes, and why do others, if need be, sacrifice all they have to become an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ?

As a convert these things I *have* noticed. Missionaries are successful in teaching the doctrines of the Gospel if the members of the Church living in that vicinity are proving in their lives that the principles of the Gospel are practical, easily lived and are great contributors to achieving happiness in this life. "A living example is more powerful than words, for words may be lightly spoken while action calls for strength and will power in abundance."

A "good Christian" in comparing himself with others is often satisfied with his life and sees no reason for a change in religions, especially if it means inconvenience and trial. In a world full of trial and strife a radiantly happy person attracts attention and causes curiosity to arise about the source of his happiness. When he is devoting much time and means to Church service, is not forcing his beliefs upon others . . . though sharing as the opportunity presents itself, and is obviously *enjoying* the fruits of hard labours without financial remuneration, people take notice; they want to know what he has that makes him want to work

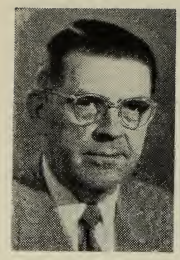
harder, to share more, to be kinder and more considerate of *all* . . . to feel more peace and joy than they. It is then they care to learn why . . . to look into the doctrines of his church and their effectivness. An investigator often asks, "Why should I change?" And he will *not* without *good* reason being shown. A person will not do that which he believes impossible and humiliating.

In like manner many have been taught the principles of the Gospel, made necessary changes often despite pressure against them, only to turn away after attendance at meetings or association with the Saints. Why? Because they have been taught that Church is a place to worship, and some of our meetings seemingly lack reverence as people visit back and forth, as adults whisper or giggle during the passing of the sacred sacrament. Other Saints find themselves giving away to cattiness or backbiting; they fail to treat others with that warmth of friendship and consideration characterizing brothers and sisters of the family of Christ. How often have I heard people say, "If you really belonged to the Kingdom of Our Father in Heaven, as you profess to do, you'd not act that way!" A harsh judgment, but one we must remember, for we are the ambassadors or representatives of Our Heavenly Father and we are here to prove and to teach the blessedness of achieving His will. His plan can be taught and acceptel only as we achieve perfection in the various phases of our lives. Let us live lives worthy of introducing to another the same privileges and opportunities we have in the Kingdom of God.

—K.S.B.

"And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with Him in the Kingdom of my Father? . . . Behold, you have my Gospel before you . . . And if you have not faith, hope and charity, you can do nothing."

—D. & C. 18:15, 17, 19.



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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

ENTRANCE to the Celestial Kingdom of our Father in Heaven is dependant upon our ability to live Celestial law. The Holy Ghost is the representative of the Father and it is through this personage of spirit that the Lord provides His children on earth with light and direction for right living. It was through the Holy Ghost that the law of consecration was revealed. This is a major requirement for people to live in order to enter the Celestial Kingdom.

Our worthiness to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and our effort to apply the principles thus revealed determine largely our personal happiness and at the same time prepares us for entrance into the Celestial Kingdom.

It is commonly stated that the goal of every Latter-day Saint should be the Celestial Kingdom. Such a goal is most desirable. It implies, however, the ability on the part of every candidate to live the principles governing the Celestial sphere. It means living the law of God completely. There will be no place for excuses or half-hearted acceptance of the principle. The Celestial law governs the life of our Father in Heaven and to be in His presence we must discipline ourselves under the same principles or we would be uncomfortable in and unworthy to be in his presence.

Let us examine man's response to Celestial law as recorded in Holy writ.

Following the resurrection when Peter was the head of God's Church upon the earth, a most dramatic example of the working of the Holy Ghost in establishing Celestial principles was made manifest. In Acts 4, verses 31-35, the following is recorded:

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common.

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

"Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

"And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

Peter was not a fanatic trying to set up an impractical scheme. He was a prophet of God, acting under the influence of the Holy Ghost and receiving direct revelation from God for those who would enter the Celestial Kingdom. What happened? In a comparatively short period the leadership and the Church itself was destroyed because men set their hearts against God and His great principles governing human relationship.

In the *Book of Mormon*, 4th Nephi, Chapter 1, verses 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 12, 13,

16, and 17, we find another effort to establish this basic Celestial principle with the people on the American Continent. The report reads: :

"And it came to pass that the thirty and fourth year passed away, and also the thirty and fifth, and behold the disciples of Jesus had formed a church of Christ in all the lands round about. And as many as did come unto them, and did truly repent of their sins, were baptized in the name of Jesus; and they did also receive the Holy Ghost.

"And it came to pass in the thirty and sixth year, the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another.

"And they had all things common among them; therefore there were not rich and poor, bond and free, but they were all made free, and partakers of the heavenly gift . . .

"And there were great and marvellous works wrought by the disciples of Jesus, insomuch that they did heal the sick, and raise the dead, and cause the lame to walk, and the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear; and all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men; and in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus . . .

"And the Lord did prosper them exceedingly in the land; yea, insomuch that they did build cities again where there had been cities burned . . .

"And they did not walk any more after the performances and ordinances of the law of Moses; but they did walk after the commandments which they had received from their Lord and their God, continuing in fasting and prayer, and in meeting together oft both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.

"And it came to pass that there was no contention among all the people, in all the land; but there were mighty miracles wrought among the disciples of Jesus . . .

"And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

"There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God."

These people were united and for nearly two hundred years there was peace in the hearts of men. The Celestial principle was effectively applied. But lying, deceit, hate, and selfishness crept in with the result that the Celestial principle was defeated.

In our own day and age when the Gospel has been restored in its fullness the Prophet Joseph Smith was instructed by the Lord as follows:

"Hearken unto me, saith the Lord your God, and I will speak unto my servant Edward Partridge, and give unto him directions; for it must needs be that he receive directions how to organize this people.

"For it must needs be that they be organized according to my laws; if otherwise, they will be cut off.

"Wherefore, let my servant Edward Partridge, and those whom he has chosen, in whom I am well pleased, appoint unto this people their portions, every man equal according to his family, according to his circumstances and his wants and needs . . .

"And the money which is left unto this people—let there be an agent appointed unto this people, to take the money to provide food and raiment, according to the wants of this people.

"And let every man deal honestly, and be alike among this people, and receive alike, that ye may be one, even as I have commanded you." (D. & C. 51:1, 2, 3, 8, 9.)

Again, in Section 70, the Lord speaking to the Prophet Joseph Smith,

Martin Harris, Oliver Cowdery, John Whitmer, Sidney Rigdon, and William W. Phelps, said:

"I, the Lord, have appointed them, and ordained them to be stewards over the revelations and commandments which I have given unto them, and which I shall hereafter give unto them;

"And an account of this stewardship will I require of them in the day of judgment.

"Wherefore, I have appointed unto them, and this is their business in the Church of God, to manage them and the concerns thereof, yea, the benefits thereof.

"Wherefore, a commandment I give unto them, that they shall not give these things unto the church, neither unto the world;

"Nevertheless, inasmuch as they receive more than is needful for their necessities and their wants, it shall be given into my storehouse;

"And the benefits shall be consecrated unto the inhabitants of Zion, and unto their generations, inasmuch as they become heirs according to the laws of the kingdom.

"Behold, this is what the Lord requires of every man in his stewardship, even as I, the Lord, have appointed or shall hereafter appoint unto any man,

"And behold, none are exempt from this law who belong to the Church of the living God . . .

"Nevertheless, in your temporal things you shall be equal, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit shall be withheld." (D. & C. 70:3-10, 14.)

And again, in Section 78, verses 3-7, 21 and 22, He says:

"For verily I say unto you, the time has come, and is now at hand; and behold, and lo, it must needs be that there be an organization of my people, in regulating and establishing the affairs of the storehouse for the poor of my people, both in this place and in the land of Zion—

"Or, in other words, the City of Enoch (Joseph), for a permanent and everlasting establishment and order unto my Church, to advance the cause, which ye have espoused, to the salvation of man, and to the glory of your Father who is in Heaven;

"That you may be equal in the bonds of heavenly things, yea, and earthly things also, for the obtaining of heavenly things.

"For if ye are not equal in earthly things ye cannot be equal in obtaining heavenly things;

"For if you will that I give unto you a place in the Celestial world, you must prepare yourselves by doing the things which I have commanded you and required of you . . .

"For ye are the church of the Firstborn, and he will take you up in a cloud, and appoint every man his portion.

"And he that is a faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things. Amen."

In Section 82, verses 15-19, the Lord said:

"Therefore, I give unto you this commandment, that ye bind yourselves by this covenant, and it shall be done according to the laws of the Lord.

"Behold, here is wisdom also in me for your good.

"And you are to be equal, or in other words, you are to have equal claims on the properties, for the benefit of managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just—

"And all this for the benefit of the Church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even a hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole Church—

"Every man seeking the interest of his neighbour, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God."

What has happened to the Modern-day Saints? Are we able to live the Celestial principle discussed above? What are we doing about it? Many members find it hard to pay an honest tithing. Yet tithing is only a school master for the Celestial principle referred to.

In each of the cases discussed above the principle involved was referred to as a Celestial principle. The people were informed that it was a Celestial principle. They were also informed that they must live the principle here if they would enter the Celestial Kingdom.

What is involved in this Celestial principle? Simply this, unselfishness, plain simple honesty, and the dedication of our time and talents to the establishing of peace on earth through observance of the second great commandment, "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

What are your chances for entrance to the Celestial Kingdom?

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Here and There in the Mission

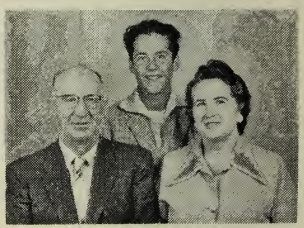
ONE of the highlights of the Missionary Christmas Hui held at the College in Frankton was a testimony meeting held on December 22nd, 1956, with Elder Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and President Ariel S. Ballif of the New Zealand Mission. Dur-

Sister Wolfgramm

ing the meeting, SISTER ANNAMALINA WOLFGRAMM of Tonga was set apart as a missionary in the New Zealand Mission by Elder Hugh B. Brown. Previous to this call, Sister Wolfgramm had been living in Wellington where she was a dressmaker since her migration from Tonga nearly four years ago. Church work is an important part of Sister Wolfgramm's life, for she assumed the responsibilities of missionary life when eight years of age. At that time her parents with their 14 children accepted the first of three mission calls; her father still labours as a carpenter at the College in Tonga; eight of those years, Sister Wolfgramm was with them. Since her arrival in New Zealand, she has acted as a District Sunday School secretary, a Relief Society secretary and visiting teacher, a M.I.A. Maid teacher, and a Genealogy teacher. She has constantly prayed to the Lord for a proselyting mission, and her prayer became a reality with Christmas. Sister Wolfgramm feels that this is the greatest joy that she has experienced thus far in her life, and we thrill with her in her new found blessing. We know that the Lord has good use for her faithful and sweet spirit. Kia kaha, Sister, may your mission be filled with joy.

The College has been the recipient of many Zion labour families recently.

Arriving in New Zealand on the 2nd December, 1956, were ELDER JAMES CLIFFORD MAXWELL, who is called to be a mechanic at the College, and his wife, SISTER THELMA S. MAXWELL, from Peoa, Utah. Besides rearing a family of eight children (three are on missions and seven of the eight have been married in the Temple), they have been valiant workers in Zion. Elder Maxwell has been in the ward Bishopric for 11½ years, on the Stake High



Elder and Sister Maxwell

Council for 10 years, Chairman of the Genealogy Committee, and Building Inspector for the Stake. Sister Maxwell was a Relief Society President for five years and a Primary President as well as on the M.I.A. Stake Board for seven years. With them is Byron S., 14. This is their first mission, and they are very happy to have been called here.

Two other couples arrived with the Maxwells, one being ELDER DANIEL MAURER and his wife, SARAH MAURER, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The Maurers had a four-month stop in Hawaii where Elder Maurer put in the Temple air-conditioner. Elder Maurer is a finished carpenter, and has been a Church builder for a number of years. He has also been in the Bishopric, on a Stake mission for 16 months, a teacher in the High Priest Quorum, a Sunday School Superintendent, and a choir leader in every ward he has lived in. Elder Maurer has also been a member of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir. Sister Maurer has been a Temple worker for five years, in the Relief Society Presidency, and M.I.A. and Primary President. Awaiting the return of the Maurers are five children, 27 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. As hard as it is to leave a family behind, the Maurers are very happy to be here; they love both their work and the many who have befriended them.

Elder and Sister Maurer

Also arriving on the 2nd of December were ELDER ANDREW L. PETERSEN and SISTER VIOLET W. PETERSEN, of Buhl, Idaho. Elder Petersen, a retired farmer and an electrician, has spent over 1400 hours working on L.D.S. Ward and Stake chapels as well as other churches. He has been placed in charge of electrical work in the David O. McKay building at the College. He has held various positions in the Church: 13 years in the Bishopric, 13 years on the Stake High Council in Nevada, Supervisor of his Ward Genealogical Committee; both he and

Elder and Sister Petersen

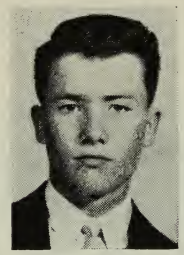
his wife have served 2½ years as Stake missionaries. Besides having worked in all of the Church auxiliaries, Sister Petersen has been a Relief Society President, a Ward clerk for three years, and has been a Church organist ever since her 12th birthday. Out of eight children, four are still living, and the Petersen's have 20 grandchildren. The Petersen's are grateful to come here, for their lives will be filled with busy, happy work. They hope some day to be officiators in the New Zealand Temple.

SISTER LA REE BIGELOW from Springville, Utah, left her secretarial job with a Construction Co. there and flew to Fiji last November to visit her parents who were work missionaries there. While there she received a mission call to labour in the office of the New Zealand Mission, and thence she flew here, arriving on January 3rd. Sister Bigelow has been a Drama Director in the M.I.A. and a teacher in both the Senior and Junior Sunday Schools.

Arriving in New Zealand via the "Oronsay" on January 15th, were a

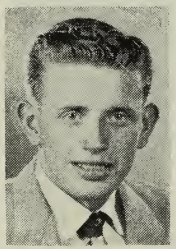
group of proselyting missionaries and two families for the College.

ELDER JAMES T. BRIGGS, brother of David and Lu Ciel Briggs,



Elder Briggs

formerly of the New Zealand Mission, arrived here after having studied premedicine courses for the past two years at Northwestern Community College. Elder Briggs has been Presi-



Elder Lewis

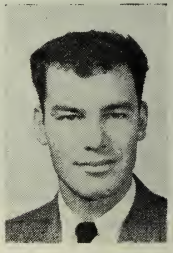
dent of both his Deacons' and Teachers' Quorums and Secretary of the Priests' Quorum. He is now labouring in Christchurch with Elder Anthony Taylor as his companion.

ELDER RAY WENDELL LEWIS, son of Raymond W. Lewis, who fulfilled a mission here about 28 years ago, comes to us from his home in Los Angeles, California. For the past two years he has been studying business in the Brigham Young University. Elder Lewis, like Elder Briggs, is happy to be in the mission he requested. He is labouring with Elder W. Charles Carr in the city of Wellington.

After having studied commercial art at the Utah State Agricultural College for two years, ELDER GLEN LYMAN EDWARDS, of Logan, has joined his brother, Elder Norman Edwards, in the missionary ranks of the New Zealand Mission. Previously

Elder Edwards

in Church activity, he held the positions of President of his Deacons' Quorum, and Secretary of both the Deacons' Quorum, the Teachers' Quorum and the Y.M.M.I.A. Elder



Elder McCulloch

Edwards is happy for the privilege of returning to his father's home land to teach the Gospel. He is labouring in the Waikato District with Elder Gary Smith.

Thrilled with the idea of receiving a mission call to New Zealand and the land of the Maori is ELDER GERALD ROSS McCULLOCH, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Elder McCulloch attended Brigham Young University for two years while he studied Political Science. While there his love and appreciation of the Maori people began, for his room-mate was Albert Whaanga, an excellent representative of his people. For the next four years Elder McCulloch served in the American Airforce, where he added to his Church experience by serving as Superintendent of the M.I.A. while in

Elder Hughes

Paris and Superintendent of the Sunday School in Germany. Previously he taught a Priesthood class in the branch at B.Y.U. where he was also an enthusiastic member of the Kia Ora Club. Elder McCulloch was first assigned to labour in the Auckland District with Elder Jerry Browning, but he is now labouring in the King Country with Elder Arvin J. Lords.

Leaving his apprenticeship as a carpenter for a while, ELDER BOB ARVIN HUGHES, of Hawthorne, Nevada, realizes a life-long ambition in his mission call. Adding to his experience gained as a Scout Master, an Assistant Eagle Scout Advisor, and Secretary of the M.I.A., Elder Hughes will no doubt find the life of a missionary both stimulating and uplifting, as is always the case when helping others. He is now labouring with Elder Marvin J. Pitman in Christchurch.

Bringing us the good news of Sister Maxine Boren's complete recovery from her serious illness is ELDER

Elder Smith

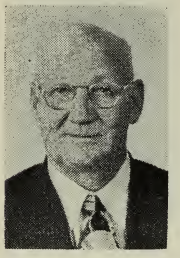
RICHARD FRED SMITH from Salt Lake City, Utah. Elder Smith has attended the University of Utah for the last two years where he was an Education Major, and he has a varied background in Church activity. He has been the ward choir director for a year, the organist for each of

Sister Faldmo

the ward auxiliaries, President of both his Teachers' and Deacons' Quorums, and an active participant in Dramatics and basketball and baseball. His father is Chaplain at the Utah State Prison, and Elder Smith has been privileged to work with some of the prisoners. He has also been a music teacher for

three years. He is now labouring in the Wellington area with Elder Don R. Stephenson.

Also from Salt Lake City are ELDER ISAAC NORMAN FALDMO and SISTER NELLIE MARIE SWENSEN FALDMO. Elder Faldmo will do the metal lathing work at the College. Previously Elder Faldmo has been a Ward teacher, a group leader in the High Priest Quorum and a worker in the Adult Aaronic Priesthood. Sister Faldmo has been teaching in the Junior Sunday School, a chorister in both the Junior Sunday School and Relief Society, and President of the Ward Relief Society for six years. The Faldmos are thrilled and grateful for their mission calls. While they are here, one of their family of six is going to Norway on a labour mission.



Elder Faldmo

ELDER JOSEPH HENRY MARTIN and SISTER FLORENCE W. MARTIN and their lovely young daughter, of Ogden, Utah, bring us greetings from Sister Polly Enoka Rice. Elder Martin has been doing sheetmetal work for the Civil Service. He is also a High Priest, and has been Assistant to the President of the Melchizedek Quorum, Secretary of both his Elders' and High Priests' Quorums, and has fulfilled two Stake missions. This is his first mission abroad. Sister Martin has been teaching in the Relief Society and done much work in Genealogy. Just previous to their mission call here, Elder Martin was Chairman of their Ward Genealogy Comittee and she was the secretary.

Each of these new missionaries come to us with may good and worthy qualifications, and we pray that their experience might be richly added to and that that which they have might prove to be an enriching factor in the lives of the people here. Kia kaha; may you be sustained in your labours by our aroha and our encouragement and cooperation.

Never is it easy to give an accurate report of the services rendered by a person, and the fact that this person is a good friend doesn't make it any easier. Take my words into your soul, but take with them the sight of what you see in the growth of your branch and district genealogy departments, the enrichment of your own knowledge of and desire to do genealogy work, and then you may have some idea of the service performed for us and our ancestors by SISTER ADELAIDE ANARU. It is not only us in the Mission Office and land of New Zealand who appreciate her work, but those who have gone before us and have had their work done and their families united because of the diligence and patient work of this Sister. Before her mission call came, she had been teaching school at Te Horo for 3½ years, and so shall she return to Whangarei

Elder and Sister Martin

and continue teaching after 18 months of devoted service. Her smile, her willingness to share her knowledge of genealogy and ability to stimulate us have given us a start in this important work which might have been put off

Sister Anaru

without her help. With exception of three months, Sister Anaru worked completely on Genealogy, but in that short period she did proselyting work in the Auckland District, and added to her life those experiences to be gained in carying the Gospel to the living. She felt that the latter was one of the highlights of her mission, but she has enjoyed working with both the Mission staff and the peoples of the Mission. One of the greatest pleasures of her work came when sheets, which had been submitted to the Temple, came back after having been processed. It is truly a joy to know another has received those same blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which have given us so much happiness. Sister Anaru wants to urge each of us to collect our genealogy that our people might not always have to wait, but may continue on in a life of progress, and prepare for our coming. To her we say, God bless you for what you have done and what you can continue to do in effecting for good the lives of others.

MISSION TRANSFERS . . .

ELDER GERALD R. McCULLOCH from Auckland to King Country with Elder A. J. Lords.

ELDER ALVIN JAY SMITH from Auckland to Manawatu District with Elder Carl Martin.

ELDER GENE BUSS from King Country to Auckland with Elder R. Jerry Browning.

ELDER DAVID SUMMMERHAYS from Napier to Auckland with Elder Sterling Loveland.

ELDER RICHARD B. SNOW from Manawatu District to Hawkes Bay District with Elder John E. Lewis.

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have you heard about...

Gleanings from Holy Writ

By GEORGE R. HALL

IF only for half an hour daily we read the Bible, much could be stored up in the little storehouse we call memory. It is wonderful how much knowledge can be accumulated to give us the efficiency we need to enable us to arrive at intelligent decisions and understanding.

This morning I received by post what turned out to be an anonymous tract, the contents of which were from the pen of a Mr. William Brady, a pioneer at the business of religious critic. I have no desire to beat him in a debate (this is not hard to do), but rather to edify him so that his mind would be lifted up to the higher pitch of Holiness, than allowing him to sink down into the lower level of the dark ocean and eternal inertion of loneliness. The Latter-day Saints, it is said, have a hard road to hoe because they yield to the enunciations of one man, viz., a prophet, this one man's announcement is never corroborated by a witness, the announcer being always alone, a very poor foundation to build on. May I point out that the Saviour foresaw this difficulty and, with the welfare of His people in mind, gave them this prescription as a remedy "to drive away any fear from evil sources lurking around." Here is the Divine guarantee written into the Saviour's cannon (Matthew 14:8): "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." Considering the millions that inhabit the earth, the number that claim exaltation into the prophetic area is but a fraction of fractions of the earth's population. Only a very few with the courage required in the past indicative also of the future availables, hence divine guarantees are given to lift the mortal mind nearer to his God. "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall be given a prophet's reward." Prophets were given in the primitive era; prophets were promised for the "last days" and in between is or was the period of apostasy and falling away from the truth, the results of which was the general theological mixup and the man-made concoctions with its inglorious embellishments to transfix the weakling mind of the human to things divine and from above.

I am proud of the anonymous letter; I didn't think I was worth it. I have been confronted with the remark that the members of our Church are not as straight and as clever as they claim to be. We don't claim to be clever, but we do claim to have been greatly edified which is far better. The weaknesses we formerly possessed we had gleaned as the result of the teachings of other churches; we are now busily engaged in the process of elimination. We came to our baptism that all our sins may be nailed to the cross; this constitutes the covenant symbolic of the death of our Saviour; leaving the water was symbolic of His resurrection; then the voice from heaven sounded the approval of God the Father. Man-made factions, religious organizations made their own systems founded on their own methods; that which God had decided upon was not good enough for the human mind; hence the Latter-day dispensation. (Rev. 14:6.)

The outer world of mankind will never discard their man-made ways for that which God had moulded for them; they will continue on erroneously. But as God shall arrange, so shall it be; there will be a Divinely appointed percolation inaugurated and the best will follow their Redeemer through the gates that open Day and Night; this is generally spoken of as the separating of the goats from the sheep.

HUI TAU GENERAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, April 18th, 1957

Special Meetings.
Assembling of Members.
Mission Reception.

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Friday, April 19th, 1957

Instructional Meetings for Genealogy and Auxiliaries.
First General Session.
M.I.A. Programme and Maori Culture.

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Saturday, April 20th, 1957

Music Leadership.
General Sessions.
M.A.C. Old Boys' and College Talent Programme.

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Sunday, April 21st, 1957

Special Easter Service Sessions.
Choir Festival.

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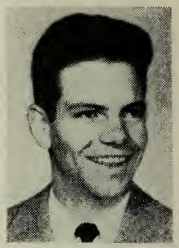
Monday, April 22nd, 1957

Missionary Testimony Meeting.
M.I.A. Sports.
GOLD AND GREEN BALL.

Elder Hymas New Mission Counsellor

ELDER MAX R. HYMAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hymas, of Toole, Utah, was set apart as First Counsellor to the Mission President on December 22nd 1956, at the College by Elder Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, who was assisted by President Ariel S. Ballif and Elder John S. Lewis of the New Zealand Mission Presidency. Elder Hymas was called to fill the vacancy left by the release of Elder L. B. Eager, who returned home in December.

Before receiving his mission call, Elder Hymas attended the Utah State Agricultural College where he was studying Pre-Veterinary Medicine. He arrived in New Zealand on March 4th, 1955, and was assigned to labour at the College for the first six weeks of his mission. The next eight months he proselyted in the Hawkes Bay District, from whence he proselyted in Auckland for six weeks before being transferred to the Bay of Islands District, where he laboured for the next ten and a half months. Eight of those



Elder Hymas

months he was the Supervising Elder of the District. He is now Mission Counsellor in charge of Branches and Districts under the Mission President.

Not Understood

By NOLA G. O'BRIEN

HOW many meetings have you attended, listened to speakers and not understood them? Was it because they put a "verbal smoke screen" around the subject they were speaking on by the use of long words when shorter words would give the same meaning?

Recently I read this in an article. "Some travellers encountered one of those untamed onslaughts of the elements." Wouldn't it have been much simpler to say, "Some travellers were caught in a storm?"

Several years ago, my husband and I visited a Sunday School where we were holidaying. The lesson was about the "Book of Mormon" and we listened in hopes of learning something. The teacher spoke for an hour and I doubt whether anyone learned very much because his lesson was not clear. On reminding my husband of this incident, he said, *"Not very clear* is an understatement!"

If we want our investigators to understand the teachings of the Gospel, then we must explain them as simply as possible. If you have had the experience of teaching Gospel principles to children, you know the value of simplicity in speech, and if a child can understand you, then everyone should be able to.

Let us all remember, as we prepare our talks, to use words which we will all understand, so that there will not be any who attend our meetings who will leave wondering, "What was that person talking about?" He was *not understood.*

Genealogy

THIS month we have something really interesting for our readers. First comes a report of the "Family Reunion" of the Ngawaka-Davis Family Organization held at Great Barrier over the Christmas and New Year period. We are sure that you will find it so interesting that it will be an incentive to all "Family Organizations" to hold reunions. Remember, we would like you to report all such gatherings.

We are happy to report that number five "Family Organization" was organized at Kaikohe on 13th January, 1957, to be known as the "Hohepa Heperi" and "Raupia Patuone" Organization.

The officers elected were:

President.—Hohepa Heperi; *First Vice-President.*—John Graham Alexander; *Second Vice-President.*—Pita Nehua Bryers; *Secretary.*—Rangi M. Nehua Bryers Tahere; *Assistant Secretary.*—Ruiha Maroho Heperi; *Family Representative.*—Hohepa Heperi; *Family Representative for Alexander Family*—John Graham Alexander.

We wish you every success in your organization, and may God bless you that this may be the means of making your family chain stronger than ever before. The chain that must be welded before entering the highest glory in God's Kingdom.

NGAWAKA-DAVIES FAMILY REUNION

For weeks past members of the Ngawaka-Davies Family Organization had been planning their first family reunion, so that when Sunday, December 23rd dawned dull, drizzly, and threatening, nothing could in any way dampen our high spirits as we set out some hours before daylight for our assigned points of departure. At staggered hours so that a group landing could be made, three launches left Leigh, Panmure, and Auckland bound for our arranged reunion site and also our ancestral home, Catherine Bay, Great Barrier Island. Our prayers were answered, for in spite of early morning cloud and wind the trip was completed in good time on waters which suddenly seemed to smooth to a glass-like surface. As we neared the rugged coastline, familiar spots were recognized and past incidents relived. It was an exciting landing, though for some it meant tear-dimmed eyes, for many years had gone by since they had left this island home; for others this was their first introduction to the home which they had heard so much about. Soon, however, laughter joined the roll of the waves and the call of the gulls as school days and childish pranks were recalled from the distant past and relived again on this momentous occasion. In true Maori fashion we were welcomed by the only two remaining of the Davies family. A tangi, perhaps for joy that so many of the family had returned at the same time, certainly aroha for those long since "called beyond," whatever the reason, the tears of young and old alike mingled to make this first group home coming one not likely to be forgotten for years to come.

The weather was most kind and, except for one showery day, old Sol shone forth in all his glory, as though he, too, was overjoyed at so many signs of life which had come to the deserted, lonely Bay.

To the twittering of the birds, the lapping of the waves, and the gentle breezes through the trees, it was no effort for anyone to be up and ready for morning Karakia under the direction of the Group President, William Grant. Likewise, in the evening, in spite of a day's fishing, emptying and baiting the crayfish pots, swimming, collecting pauas, sea eggs, etc., it was always a pleasant, secure feeling to end the day in family prayer. It was at these evening meetings mainly where the value of a family group became most evident. One particularly impressive incident relative to genealogy was when a member stood up, and he did so as though prompted by an unseen hand, and told of a deathbed promise he had made fourteen years ago. Little did anyone, except one other, know that for as many years another member of the family had prayed for a solution to the problem which had been automatically created by that promise. For fourteen years this promise had remained secret, but it seemed the time had come when it should be made known, the results being "a load removed from the shoulders" of at least two people, and, if sought in faith and prayers the Lord will make known to us in His own time, though perhaps we at times may become discouraged, and feel that our prayers should be answered after the first utterance.

Incidents such as these added to the spirit of the gathering and all present were convinced of the good which can come from a group united in thought and action. Another point in favour of this gathering was that members of the family who had been inactive for years were given the opportunity to speak at the meetings, thus creating the feeling of "belonging" and "wanted." And many were the worthwhile thoughts these speakers passed on to us. Two mornings were set apart as 6 a.m. testimony meetings, and these, too, proved very impressive.

Three afternoon meetings were devoted to family history and genealogy, and, for those who had previously shown little if any interest in this work, these meetings proved a source of information.

Sunday morning, under the local Branch Presidency, Sunday School convened with 77 of the family present. The old walls echoed with the strains of singing—fading away into complete silence and reverence as Sacrament was served. What a joyous beginning for the last Sabbath Day in 1956! At the conclusion of this service, dinner was served to 40 children—capably handled by Daisy Palmer and her helpers. While the family met as a Genealogy Organization to elect officers and other business, the Palmer, Beazley and Ngawaka sisters catered for the children in songs, finger plays, etc. At this time, the functions of the Family Organization were carefully explained; the family representative, which heretofore was not quite clear, the social side, etc., were all given in detail, so that it was most pleasing and time well spent when all who had not met with the group before said that at last they were perfectly clear on the subject. Others who had an altogether different idea on the Organization expressed their pleasure and willingness to help every way they could to further the work of our Family line. Brother and Sister William Grant were re-elected as President and Secretary along with Tane Ngawaka as Vice-President; Sister Palmer Snr., Genealogist; Ann Beazley, Reporter; Kura Palmer, Historian; Elizabeth Ngawaka, Treasurer; Gordon Davies, Family Representative.

Directly after this meeting, Tomnald Ngawaka was baptized, and his grandfather, who was present, confirmed him. This was our "Big Day" and a wonderful one it was at that. Pictures were taken for the Family History, after which dinner was served at 5 p.m. and Brother and Sister Heinberg were the ones responsible for the delicious Swiss salads and the attractive spread. 7 p.m. was the final service of the day and the concluding session of

the week as a group. Brother Grant made suitable remarks on behalf of the Family and advised that all were now free to travel to other parts of the Island to visit with friends and relatives, and especially thanked all members for their loyalty in staying together for the full time set, in spite of many attractive offers to go elsewhere. Children and the young members are to be commended for their excellent behaviour throughout the gathering. In spite of the "release" no one was desirous of leaving, and though it was previously arranged that all would leave for the mainland the following day, the waves lapped, the birds twittered and the breeze whispered, but only three of the party returned to Auckland. The rest declared they needed another week to recuperate from the first one, and so it wasn't until the following week-end that the main party returned to various parts of the country.

Of course, there was time (on an island where time does not mean too much over the holiday period) for the social side. Sister Grant and her helpers spent a merry time decorating and wrapping gifts for the Christmas party. A seven-foot pine, by the time it was completely "dressed" with all the trimmings, looked festive and exciting as balloons bobbed around on the sea air, and children gazed starry-eyed at the upper-most branches laden with colour and packages. Immediately after evening service, everyone was ushered, to the strains of Christmas carols, into the party room. For everyone present Santa had left a gift, but before it was taken off the tree and presented, the recipient had to give an item. From the oldest, Mahon Davies, to Billy Grant, the youngest, no one refused to do what was asked of him. Songs, folk dances, poems, action songs, hulas, hakas, interspersed with games and community singing and an odd story or two, proved that there is plenty of "talent" to be had in the group, and resulted in most folks leaving the party with aching sides and tired throats from an overdose of laughter. This programme was one of extreme gaiety and hilarity.

Boxing Day was sports day and this programme, directed by Brother Gil Gibling and Tasman Davies, proved another highlight, and, as usual, young and old, married women, with Sisters Ada Gibling and Gertrude Grant leading their team, was both exciting and exasperating. Running against the breeze the balloon had a happy nack of fluttering to the back of the runner, or of settling in a fairylike fashion on dry twigs or branches and bang! The men were really kept busy blowing balloons. The umbrella relay was also another source of laughter and amusement. To catch the tide, and also to add a further touch of humour to the day, a bathing beauty contest was held. This was the most popular and humourous event of the day. After the "cup" and "ribbon" was presented to the winner, Sister Ada Gibling was declared "Miss Gt. Barrier" for 1957. (Brother Gibling was one of the judges and there was a hint from the other contestants that there *could* have been a little favouritism.) Sister Gibling led all the "beauties" down to the water where she also took the lead in a water ballet. It was a very happy, tired, sunburnt family that met for Karakia that evening. The social which followed was conducted by the younger members of the family and was the grand finale to a perfect day.

There was not a thing to really mar this first reunion which was such a success from all angles. Each has grown to understand, to know and to love the other just a little more than he did before. Each has learned to laugh a little more. Each has a little better knowledge of genealogy and his responsibility toward it. Each goes forth into a new year with a desire to "do." And so, we bade farewell to Island and Home, bringing away with us treasures of truths and memories which will linger on to be added to Christmas, 1957.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD FOR APRIL

"Behold, mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion." (Doc. & Cov. 132:8.)

PLEASE NOTE! All primaries who are planning to close primary because of officers attending Hui Tau: We suggest you start your April lessons on the 5th week in March, then you will not have to miss your beautiful Easter lessons.

LESSONS FOR APRIL

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 40—Obedience to Parents.

2nd Week—The Gift of Food.

3rd Week, Page 123—The Easter Story.

4th Week, Page 50—Heavenly Father's House.

Explain the words "Crucifixion" and "Resurrection" to help the children understand the meaning of Easter. If children are encouraged to obey their parents, they will have more respect for them. Make a Thank Thee Chart as demonstrated at Hui Tau last year. Watch for pictures from magazines, and use your Teacher's Kit, and pictures of the Standard on "Reverence."

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 54—Give Thanks.

2nd Week, Page 60—A Thank You Day.

3rd Week, Page 128—The Meaning of Easter.

4th Week—Practice for Sunday Programme.

Your given aids for teaching can make your lessons very interesting and enjoyable if you will give a little time and effort in preparation. Children need to be taught to be appreciative of all things. Prepare The Easter Story well so that you can give it with feeling, and conclude with some Easter songs, firstly noting the words in the songs.

Trailbuilder Lessons (Blazers):

1st Week—Memorising Can be Fun.

2nd Week—Trail of Health.

3rd Week—Easter Lesson.

4th Week—Obedience.

Memorising can be fun in the first week if you prepare activities and aim to bring the Articles of Faith into the boys' understanding. The second week is an interesting lesson. As the boys receive their emblem make sure they understand the importance and symbolism. Make use of the Activity Kit as directed in these two lessons. The third week turn to the Lessons for March and take the Easter Lesson. The last week you prepare for your Sunday Service.

Homebuilders (Seagulls):

1st Week, Page 65—Freedom of Worship.

2nd Week, Page 91—Religious Tolerance.

3rd Week, Page 182—Resurrection.

4th Week—Sunday Programme Practice.

Help the girls to realise that in New Zealand we are also blessed with Freedom of Worship. At the conclusion give the assignment from page 181 for the lesson on Resurrection. We have a very full year's programme

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Priesthood Page

PERFORMING ORDINATIONS

First—Ordaining Brethren Elders, Seventies, or High Priests:

ORDINATIONS of brethren as elders may be attended to by the Mission President or under his direction.

Ordination to the office of the Seventy will be done by members of the First Council of the Seventy, by members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, or by Assistants to the Twelve.

The initiative in processing brethren for ordination as Seventies and High Priests rests with the Mission President.

Ordained brethren should receive certificates of ordination. In the case of Seventies, these certificates will be sent out by the First Council of the Seventy.

Second—Ordaining Elders or Seventies to Serve in Bishoprics or on High Councils:

When Elders or Seventies are chosen to serve in bishoprics or as members of high councils, the established procedure for the ordination as High Priests should be followed. If the General Authority appointed to ordain them Bishops or to set them apart to the Bishopric or High Council is also to ordain them as High Priests, then the regular recommendation form, fully completed, should be presented to him. If it is not possible to have these ordinations approved at a regular Stake Priesthood meeting, the names may be presented for a sustaining vote at a general session of a regular quarterly Stake Conference.

Fellowshipping Priesthood Holders:

All holders of the Melchizedek Priesthood who live in a quorum area are to be accepted by the proper quorum as members unless the quorum, for cause, votes to withhold or withdraw the hand of fellowship. If this is done, a report of such action should be sent to the Bishop of the Ward in which the member resides so the Bishop may take further action in the case.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

"I remember my youth and the feeling that I could last forever, outlast the sea, the earth and all men," were the words that fell from the pen of Joseph Conrad. These words explain well the time in a young man's life when he must give way to those inner feelings of adventure within him; the desire to reach out and become an individual, recognized as such by the ability to forge ahead and master situations as they confront him. This feeling burns deep within the heart of even the most shy and timid young men. To suppress this desire would have a disastrous effect upon the personality of an individual, or if now properly guided and channelled, these desires to be "grown up" may be a means of destruction.

There are two ways of learning the lessons of life: by our own experience and by the experiences of others. Needless to say, the more lessons we

can learn from the experiences of others, the fewer mistakes we will make. If we, as young people, can draw from the lessons of life taught by our parents, teachers, and friends, a firm foundation of ideals may be laid which would serve as a guide throughout life.

Consider for a moment the chemist in his laboratory. All of his basic knowledge of chemistry was gained by the study of the actual experiments of someone previous. The same is with the explorer who goes thoroughly into the previous known geography of an area before planning his own venture. The facts are plain that the more of another's proven experiments the researcher is able to adopt, the more firm is his foundation and then the farther on he can go because of not having to waste valuable time in retreading ground already covered.

The facts pertaining to our accomplishments of the future are just as certain as those founded upon a scientific basis. That is, the amount that we are able to profit from the experiences of others will determine to a large extent the goals attained throughout life.

The experiences of others are a great heritage, the more we learn from them the less of life we waste. Our teachers and parents are trying to pass on the knowledge of principles that do not change simply because the times have changed.

Each Latter-day Saint has a great heritage of revealed and discovered knowledge, but a lot of life is lost by ignoring the proven experiences of others. The more we can learn from the past the less we will have to pay for the costly and painful process of trial and error.

PRIESTHOOD PROJECT

THOSE hungry Saints passing through Te Kuiti between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. who would like a refreshing malt or hamburger as well as other enticing items are welcome to call at Brother Ike Holborow's "State-Side Bar." With the help of the Priesthood members and some of the Relief Society sisters, the State-Side Bar was opened the last week of July in 1956, and all that have entered therein will testify to a high quality of food and service, as well as clean and attractive surroundings, thanks to the hard work done by the Priesthood. Congratulations to all of you who have and are contributing to the success of this worthy project.

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Sunday School

REVERENCE

"AND they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And He taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves." (Mark 11:15-17.)

Usually known to most of the world as a kind and gentle man, here we find the Master with quite a different personality. And why—because man was transgressing one of the more sacred principles of life, that of Reverence.

"Reverence," wrote Ruskin, "is the noblest state in which a man can live in the world, reverence is one of the signs of strength; irreverence one of the surest indications of weakness. No man will rise high who jeers at sacred things. The fine loyalties of life must be reverenced or they will be foresworn in the day of trial."

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ it is the purpose to build and mould the character of man to become more like its royal progenitor, that of our Father in Heaven. Strength, not of the physical but of the spiritual, is one of the characteristics in the zenith of progression. Are we as leaders in the Church of Jesus Christ trying to our utmost to engender within ourselves and our children this sacred principle of reverence?

Reverence should not be thought of just in Church, but in our every day lives recogniton of the more valuable and uplifting principles of life.

In the Sunday Schools is this noble principle being taught in the services? Not the sacrament service alone, but from the time we enter the building, set apart for worship, until we leave? I do think we could improve 100% in this category.

The following is an extract from a letter that came to the First Presidency: "About one month ago two of your missionaries came to my door with a *Book of Mormon*. Since I am a Catholic, and a Catholic writer for our press, and since I am fully acquainted with Catholic doctrine and our Holy Bible, I at first refused the offer of the *Book of Mormon*. They, however, persisted, and as I have permission to read other books, it being given me by my pastor since I am a writer, I finally took the book. Of course, you might well guess what happened. Having been trained during my sixteen years as a Catholic to recognize the truth when I see, hear or read it, I could not very well fail to recognize that the *Book of Mormon* is true. This was even more the case when they later brought what might be termed its companion book, *The Doctrine and Covenants*.

"Surely this is not the kindly, gentle Jesus, as most Catholics are taught to know him, but just as surely in the *Doctrine and Covenants* this is the voice of Jesus as He spoke to the Apostles, the Pharisees and Scribes,

and all the people during His three years of public ministry on earth. Consequently, I began taking instructions, and your missionaries came twice a week to hold cottage meetings.

"Then I was taken to some Church meetings over in Rodeo, three miles from here, and I must admit that each time I have returned home broken-hearted and mourning to myself, 'Oh, poor Jesus, surely you have made the most miserable failure in your life in trying to establish your Church anew with these people.'

"During the distribution of the bread and water I can discern no spirit of prayer or prayerful reception among the congregation. They are just as liable to be smiling and whispering together as not, scarcely discerning the body of the Lord."

I wonder how many investigators have entered into our buildings and been impressed the same way. Let us take a keener watch of ourselves next time we enter the House of the Lord. Let's develop strength by being reverent. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints . . . Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40.)

Relief Society

Reminders:

Districts not yet reported on number of women participating in 20 minutes' daily Scriptural Reading please do so right away, as there is still time to be marked on the annual "Progress Chart" which will be displayed at Hui Tau.

Handwork:

Through the Relief Society District Presidencies we have called for ONE ARTICLE ONLY of handwork which will be representative of the work done by the Relief Society sisters in the districts. This article is to be brought to Hui Tau and given to Sister Bratton who will see that it is placed in the "Exhibition Room." There will be no large scale display this year as has been the custom in the past. One article from each district is all we ask and have room to exhibit.

There will be NO SELLING of handwork under the direction of Relief Society at Hui Tau.

Watch April's *Te Karere* for further details of meetings, etc., arranged for Relief Society.

To All Sisters:

We hope that you will give your District President and District Relief Society President full support in any assignment that they may have for you for the Hui Tau. Only by the co-operation of each member can we hope to progress and elevate the standard, year by year, of our Huis.

Magazines:

The official instructions, given by President Spafford, appear in the November issue of the Relief Society magazine. Take advantage of getting first-hand information. *Subscribe now!*

CONGRATULATIONS! Elder Calvin J. Wardell of Otto, Wyoming, and formerly of the New Zealand Mission, was married to Anne Deputy of Salisbury, Maryland, in the Salt Lake Temple on January 3, 1957. The young couple are attending Brigham Young University where Mrs. Wardell is President of the Kia Ora Club.

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR fellow workers,

We are grateful for the opportunities of each new day of this year. We feel to thank you all for your support and faithfulness in carrying forward the M.I.A. programme in the Branches and Districts. We know that you are prompted by the same love and testimony we have. This is God's work, and we are labouring with His children. We cannot fail if we do our part, for He is ever ready to help us.

We would encourage each one of you to have organized activities during the summer months, such as: Hikes, House Parties, Swimming, Picnics and many other things that your people will like to do.

Because the complete M.I.A. materials has not arrived for this year, we suggest that you choose any material that are available, or the book "Jesus the Christ" which is the Reading Course for the M.I.A. for the next two years, to use in your classes until we receive the material you require.

We sincerely hope that you are all preparing for the activities that will be presented at Hui Tau. They are: Maori Culture, Dances, and Sports. We hope that your rehearsals after each mutual night are being used to practice these items.

WELCOME!

We welcome to the Mission M.I.A. Board the following:—

BROTHER HAROLD EDWIN PAGE, as the Young Men's Secretary.

BROTHER OLSEN AHMU, as the Young Men's Sports Director.

YEARLY INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

We would appreciate all those who have not as yet sent their Application Forms for the Girls' Individual Awards to do so immediately.

ARE YOU PREPARING YOUR SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME?

This is the Sunday Evening Programme for the M.I.A. to be put over in your Branches on the 7th April, 1957. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to participate as an entire M.I.A. group.

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and only 4 fifth Saturdays to catch up if we get behind, so please endeavour to give lessons as outlined. Follow activities suggested in your Manuals and use visual aids whenever possible. The Sunday Programme will be forwarded to you.

Secretaries—ATTENTION!

Branch Secretaries, have you mailed your DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY REPORTS to your District? And Districts, have you mailed your's to the Mission? DISTRICT SECRETARIES, MAIL YOUR REPORT not later than the 5th of the MONTH. DO YOU do all you can to get the branches to report to you on time? Do not let your Branch, District or Mission down by being late or forgetful

Featuring the Districts

WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

News is scarce this month, mostly because people are too busy preparing for the Hui Pariha to do anything sensational.

We welcome back from the College Sister Lily Ngaika, who is working as a waitress at the Kawa Kawa Nurses' Home, and Brother and Sister Kiro. Brother Kiro has a job at the Whangarei Hospital and Brother Roger Fong, who has got his old job back at Innes Soft Drink Factory. We appreciate these Brothers and Sisters who are returning to their branches after the completion of their missions.

From the Kaikou Branch comes the following report.

For the New Year our M.I.A. held a sports day to raise funds for the purchase of books and raised £10/11/-. Many of our members are returning to the fold and are giving a helping hand in preparation for our Hui Pariha.

Also travelling to this branch every Sunday are members of the Pipiwai, Te Horo, and Rooma Sunday Schools for choir practice under the direction of Sister Priscilla Davies and Celia Maru. During the Christmas holidays much assistance was received from Sister Amelia Paihana.

Three of our Brothers are labouring at the Church Mill at Kaikohe. They are Brothers Pat Peihopa, Ben Hati and Moana Paul.

Back in branch activity again after a few months in hospital is Brother Komene Tairua, but Brother Ray Herewini has had to return to hospital for more treatment. Brother Nephi Shortland is in hospital as well as our Kaumatua, Brother Hone Peepe. We pray for a speedy return of these Brothers.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

Well, here we are again with more news from the hub of the Mission. First, I would like to introduce you to our new T.K. reporters for the branches here. On North Shore we have Sister Norma Roberts; Auckland First Branch, Sister Fern Watene; Auckland Second, Sister Laura Skudder; and Tamaki, Brother Pet Tarawa.

Auckland First gained a good worker in Brother Bill Heta; we welcome him and his family to this district, and feel sure that Whangarei will miss them.

Auckland Second is just beginning to settle into its new pattern, now that most of the people have returned from their holidays. The M.I.A. has been holding most successful firesides with full attendances. So far some of the programmes have consisted of a tape on the calling of Joseph Smith by Elder Hugh B. Brown, an informative talk on Hawaii by Elder Kaleikau, who just returned home, and an inspirational and faith-promoting testimony by Elder Briggs. The young people have been kept busy by dances every Saturday night which are thoroughly enjoyed by all present, though the attendance could be improved.

Last month our Mutual held a picnic evening at Okahu Bay with fun games, swimming and community singing. While enjoying the latter, a bus-load of tourists stopped to listen and were thrilled by some impromptu action songs. Talking of action songs, our Maori group was privileged to entertain tourists aboard the "Monterey." They gave a good performance and I'm sure they must have felt like movie stars, for there were dozens of

cameras clicking and whirring from all angles.

Tamaki.—Taking due advantage of the brilliant holiday weather we have been experiencing throughout New Zealand, our M.I.A. has been busily engaged organizing sports evenings, quiz programmes, nature rambles, talent quest, and song and dance evenings.

The latest craze to give birth among our young people to date is not . . . surprisingly . . . the Rock'n Roll, but the new "Tamaki Creep." You've just got to see it to believe it, and it is well within M.I.A. standards. We have enjoyed and profited recently by the visits of Brother Chote, District President; Brother Sparks, District Sunday School Supervisor; Sister Bryan, Mission Y.W.M.I.A. President; and Sister N. Bratton, District Y.W.M.I.A. President.

The painters from the College, led by Brother Ru Tarawhiti, are certainly giving our chapel, which is in the finishing stages of construction, a more colourful look. With the assistance of many of our fine sisters, their work here is almost completed. Also from the College we have had Brother Jim Archibald who has been working on the roof.

It is indeed a pleasing sight to see home occasionally Brothers Ron and Matt Tarawa with their wives.

We would like to offer Elder Boyd Lauritzen our congratulations on his recent marriage to Sister Marice Daniels. Elder Lauritzen recently returned to New Zealand to claim his bride, and intends to go back and settle in Idaho. Congratulations also go to Brian Brooker for attaining highest marks in New Zealand secondary schools for geography.

North Shore Branch.—The Geneology Committee reports that the past year found most of the Saints very receptive to the importance of their Genealogical obligations, the result being a steady flow of completed group sheets. With the completion of our beautiful Temple next year, added blessings will surely be gained by these faithful Saints along the road to eternal perfection.

Our M.I.A. was favoured with a visit from Sister Nancy Bratton of the District Superintendency, who gave instruction and encouragement in the work for the coming year. Later, at a social evening, they had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Green, the District Superintendent. Brother Jesse Rood has been called to instruct the Scouts of the M.I.A.

Primary opened on January 19th and was pleased to welcome as a visitor the District President, Sister Ireland. The following Saturday the Bluebirds had a very happy Happy Day with their mothers in the form of a luncheon prepared by the girls themselves. It happened to be their Teacher's birthday and as a lovely surprise the girls made and iced a beautiful birthday cake. Knitted and crocheted articles made by the Bluebirds were displayed and the mothers presented them with the emblems for the Path of Knowledge. It was a wonderful day.

Another enjoyable event took place when Brother and Sister Dil combined their respective classes in the Sunday School to go on a very special outing last Saturday. This included games and tea at the Dils', a swim, and the highlight, an excursion to view the glow worms after dark.

It is with regret that Walnetta Broederlow was released from her position as assistant librarian where she has given good and faithful service.

During the month the Intermediate Class in the Sunday School gave a very pleasing evening programme conducted by Oscar Broederlow, Jr.

The Relief Society held their first meeting of the year on the 6th February and the sisters were delighted to welcome Sister Braund as a member of the North Shore Relief Society. Sister Braund, who has been a visitor for some time, was baptized on January 26th.

HAURAKI DISTRICT

By Mary Hamon

At the Hui Pariha of November 24th-25th held at Judea, Tauranga, President Ballif surprised everyone present by announcing that the Hauraki District would be extended to include Maketu, Te Puke, Tauranga, Judea and Wairoa. These areas were originally in the old Hauraki District before being lost to Bay of Plenty. The loss to the Bay is a most fortunate gain to us. The presidency of the district remains unchanged with Elder David Wood as President, Bro. Ralph R. Hamon as 1st counsellor, and Bro. Howard as 2nd counsellor and secretary. These brethren have been travelling extensively throughout the district, visiting every Home Sunday School and Branch, getting acquainted with the Saints and giving instruction where necessary.

On the evening of December 18th at Judea we were privileged to be visited by Elder Hugh B. Brown and President Ballif. The Saints in the area welcomed Elder Brown with a full-scale Maori welcome and presented him with a beautifully woven flax kit for his wife, and a carved walking stick. Elder Brown gave an inspiring address to the large gathering of Saints, some of whom had come from Thames, Waihi, Maketu and Opotiki.

Brothers Mita and John Watene from the Kirikiri Branch spent part of their holidays working at the College. We are sure their help was much appreciated. More news from Kirikiri: Sister Rose Watene has left to live in Wellington. She is a great loss to the District as she has held many positions, including that of Relief Society counsellor. The Thames Relief Society gave her a fond farewell and presented her with a pretty brooch as a token of their love for her. A number of local organisations also gave her a send-off.

We are also sad to record the leaving of the Waihi Branch President, Bro. Reg. Daniels, and his wife, Bobbie, who have gone to Tokoroa. We hope you make good use of them down there!

Bro. Hixon Hamon, the Genealogical Chairman for the District, has been pushing the genealogical work along with the help of Sister Ada Wood. Bro. Hamon is instilling in the minds of the Saints the urgency and importance of this great work because of the nearing completion of the Temple.

"Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?"

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Hello, folks! Such wonderful news coming up!

Two new branches were organized on the 3rd February, one at Taupo and the other at Tokoroa. Tumuaki Ballif and Elders Lewis and Hymas and our District Presidency travelled far and fast on this great day to accomplish this good work. The organizations are as follows:

Taupo Branch—Branch President, Alex Wishart; 1st Counsellor, George Chase; 2nd Counsellor, Victor Ford Osborne.

Tokoroa Branch—Branch President, Ralph Skipps; 1st Counsellor, Isaac Rivers; 2nd Counsellor and Secretary, Vernon Alexander Fiddes; Sunday School Superintendent, Reginald Taniora; Relief Society President, Frances Hannah Moss; Primary President, Sister Taniora. Brother Isaac Rivers was ordained to the office of an Elder and Brother Vernon A. Fiddes to the office of a Priest.

A re-organization of the Mangakino Branch also took place, Brother Nelson and his counsellors being honourably released. New Officers: Branch President, Edward Koroniria Paki; 1st Counsellor, Silina Lio Brown; 2nd Counsellor and Secretary, Bernard G. McDonald.

To Sister Tiny Moss and Brother Moss we send best wishes on the arrival of their infant daughter on February 1st. The Tokoroa Branch is proud to have this new member on its roll.

A special welcome is also extended to other new arrivals in the District, Brother and Sister George Anderson, now residing in Kawerau, and Brother and Sister Reginald Taniora at Tokoroa. The latter family comes from the Hauraki District where they will be sorely missed, but their loss will be our gain.

The Neighborhood and Home Sunday Schools are working well throughout the District, but the visits by the District Presidency give these small groups a much needed boost, and they certainly look forward to these visits.

The Mission, too, is on tour and we welcomed Elder Briggs of the Sunday School Superintendency into our District at Opotiki, February 12th; Kawerau, the 13th; Rotorua, the 14th; Taupo, the 15th; Tokoroa, the 16th; and Mangakino, the 17th. Thank you, Elder Briggs, for this personal contact.

Brother and Sister Howe and family of the North Shore Branch visited Rotorua on a working holiday. On the 27th of January they attended our special genealogical meeting and we had the pleasure of hearing Brother Howe address us. Another surprise visitor on the same day was Sister Quigg of Whakatane who is District Sunday School Secretary.

On the 10th February a blessing was given the infant of Sister Cairns of Whakatane.

Now that we are all organized and ready to go, let us look forward to a wonderful year with this song in our hearts to urge us on:

"The Church has need of helping hands
And hearts that know and feel;
The work to do is here for you.
Put your shoulder to the wheel.
Then don't stand idly looking on;
The fight with sin is real;
It will be long but must go on.
Put your shoulder to the wheel."

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

Sunny Hawkes Bay saying "Hello" in 80-90 degrees!

More children have achieved graduation from the Primary. In the Te Hauke Branch were: Gene Hawea, Tutu Hawea, Halomia Chase, Marie Hapuku, Janet Harris, Simeon Cruise, and Pera Pohatu. Congratulations, boys and girls, and teachers. May you go on to greater achievements in the M.I.A.

The M.I.A. "Meet Me at Mutual" programme went over with a bang!

A marked interest and attendance is very noticeable in the branches.

Sister Alice Whakamoe of Korongata Branch was newly set apart as District Y.W.M.I.A. secretary on the honourable release of Sister Wai Pere Ruawhui.

Brother and Sister Bill Ruahui have gone to work at the College for two years. They are greatly missed as they were very active in many positions, Branch and District. Brother Bill has already served 3½ years at the College with Elder Childs and was recently married to Sister Wai Pere of Heretaunga Branch. Our good wishes go out to them.

Brothers Anderson, A. K. Waretini of Te Hauke Branch, were set apart as Activity Counsellors in the District Y.M.M.I.A. with Brother Eric Tahau. Kia Kaha, "Andy."

To Brother Eric Tahau in the Hastings Hospital, we send a big, big health germ! We hope to see you back home real soon.

Brother Pat Curtis of Heretaunga Branch, on the honourable release of Brother George Ferris, now fills the position of District Sunday School Superintendent, with Brothers Tane Wainohu (Korongata), William Heke

Jnr. (Korongata), and Joseph Pomare (Napier) secretary.

A few of our men folk again took off to the College-Temple project and spent a few days there working. Kia Ora Ra.

Brother Ualesci Tupuavao (Heretaunga Branch) was set apart as District Welfare Chairman with Brothers Moana Marsh (Korongata) and Vaefoa Brown (Heretaunga) as his counsellors.

The Korongata Relief Society sponsored a "Get Together" Social on February 4th for young and old who enjoyed every moment of it. Yes, sir! The Branch Presidency and Relief Society Presidency took charge and served the supper whilst the M.I.A. body conducted the activities. There were dancing, games, and items, and "Antarctic Blocs," "Deep Freeze Cocktails" and "Nobblies" for supper. Delicious? Why, sure.

All will agree when I quote Elder Mark E. Pedersen, who says, "Provide ward and stake activities, not once or twice a year, but as often as can be" and "get the youth into the planning of these things."

Discussions are under way between officers for inter-branch activities, social and sports in the M.I.A. department.

The district Relief Society commenced New Year with their first Union Meeting, held January 25th. Sister Rebecca Crawford of the Mission Board was present.

Hui Pariha news. From the start of our activities at 9 o'clock Saturday morning to the last at 4 p.m. Sunday, we did truly have a spiritual feast and heard and were taught many things pertaining to our callings and work. The weather was ideal. The M.I.A. swimming carnival proved very enjoyable and refreshing.

The Relief Society Display of handwork was encouraging and good. We were privileged indeed to have had Sister G. Grant, Relief Society Mission President, in our midst and we did learn many things that will help us in this great work. Thank you, Sister Grant. Always we are inspired and spiritually filled when we hear President and Sister Ballif speak to us of the Gospel and everyday living.

Then, too, we had other servants of our Heavenly Father present from the Mission Board, Elder and Sister Mason, Elder Hay, Sisters Mary Bryan and Lucy Hemmingsen, and from them we gleaned further knowledge and enlightenment.

The Primary children certainly gave us food for thought as they put over their programme. Then came the M.I.A. and it was indeed a testimony to see them all there taking part.

Many of our young girls and boys who have left College are now pursuing their vocations, such as Brother Roly Hapuku (Te Hauke) who is away in the Navy, Sister Kahu Timu (Te Hauke) who is going on to University. She gained her U.E. at Hukarere College, Napier, gaining it on her first attempt. Brother Gene Hawea (Te Hauke) is now attending Hamilton Technical and many boys here are at Te Aute College and Napier High School. Brother Eric Hart (Te Hauke) topped his class at Waipawa High. Sister Hapai MacDonald hopes to become a J.A. or enter Training College. She has a beautiful singing voice.

For three months now a "Talent Quest" conducted in Hastings each Thursday night has finally come to its conclusion. It has drawn much talent from all over the district and other parts. This news bulletin comes to you before the finals, but for your interest we have two members of the Church in the finals, Brother Andy Waretini and Sister Hapae MacDonald. (She also topped the school on scriptures; she attended Saint Joseph's Convent, Napier.)

Before closing let me leave this thought:

"Though we may be learned by the help of another's knowledge, we can never be wise but by our own experience." Cheerio, everybody!

Ordinations:

Blessings: Reremoana Christine Stevens, 21st October, 1956, by Elder Thomas Karena.

Benjamin Walter Kupa, 27th September, 1956, by Elder Hamiora Kamau.

Diane Ivy Kupa, 27th September, 1956, by Elder James C. Phillips.

George London Kelly, 2nd December, 1956, by Elder Fred H. Calder.

Wiremu Ngapuke Watene, Jr., 7th October, 1956, by Elder Hamiora Kamau.

Baptisms: Toatokowaru MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956, by Mason MacDonald at Waipawa, confirmed by Elder LeRoy Rasmussen, 2nd December, 1956.

Murray MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956, by Mason MacDonald at Waipawa.

Tu Hiro MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956, by Mason MacDonald at Waipawa, confirmed by Tutuira Waretini, 2nd December, 1956.

Roseanna MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956, by Mason MacDonald at Waipawa, confirmed by James Southon, 2nd December, 1956.

Te Ohonga Paraone MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956, by Mason MacDonald at Waipawa, confirmed by Mason MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956.

Rongomaipapa MacDonald, 2nd December, 1956, by Mason MacDonald at Waipawa, confirmed by Elder H. W. Tanner, 2nd December, 1956.

Ordained Teachers:

Robert Phillip Smith, 19th August, 1956, at Ohiti by Paora T. Tanana.

Albert Wm. Smaile, 12th September, 1956, at Napier by J. L. Southon.

Ordained Elders:

Frederick Kelly (Kere) 5th August, 1956, at Ohiti by President Ariel S. Ballif.

Aniheta Watene, 5th August, 1956, at Waimarama by President Ariel S. Ballif.

Ordained Priest:

Robert Phillip Smith, 10th February, 1957, at Ohiti.

KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Elder Arvin J. Lords

We have had a change in Elders here once again. Elder Riddell went home shortly after Christmas, and Elder Paxman was transferred to the Whangarei District where he will continue with the fine work that he has been doing. We would like to say so long and good luck to Elder Paxman and may the good Lord bless him in his work. We will all miss him here in the district.

Elders Lords and Buss were put together to continue their work in the Pureora area. May they be a success in their work.

We had several recent advancements in the Pureora Branch. To those good men who were advanced in the Melchizedek Priesthood we say congratulations and may you work hard to fulfill your callings.

On the 22nd of January a few of the College workers came for a visit to the Matakowhai Branch; come again, and maybe you will have better luck with the flounder. Matakowhai had a visit by the second counsellor of the District Presidency and Sunday School Superintendent. Their visit was a welcome one.

Replacing Elder Riddell as 2nd Counsellor in the District Presidency is Brother Eketone of Hangatiki; the new Sunday School Superintendent is Brother Wahapu. May God bless you in your undertakings and help you at all times to work hard and may He always be your companion.

We wish to convey our sympathy to Ema Paul of Pukemako. She had a bad fall which left a big cut in her arm when she hit a sharp part of a tap. We hope you will recover rapidly and be able to continue your school work and other duties.

So long, everybody!

STATISTICS

Brother Bill Paul and Brother Gill Gibling were ordained by President Ariel S. Ballif and helpers to to the office of Elders.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

What a wonderful amount of news I have for you this month, perhaps the most important being the report on our Hui Pariha which was held in Wanganui on the 19th and 20th of January. We are fortunate in being able to commence our year's activities with such a wonderful Hui. We were sorry President and Sister Ballif were unable to attend our meetings and hope that President Ballif is very much better now. We had Brother and Sister Mason, Sisters Grant, Crawford, Elders Hymas, Lewis and Hay and many others who came to give us instructions for the various organisations. By now most of you will have held your two-day Hui Parihas and will know the programmes. Sports, Primary, Relief Society, Youth Testimony meeting, Priesthood, etc. . . . all were wonderful meetings which were enjoyed greatly, but it seemed as if all those meetings weren't enough as a special meeting was called in the evening to enable Elder Hay to give more instruction on Genealogy. If no other message was taken away from the Hui Pariha, the one on Genealogy would be the most popular. It seems as if the whole district has become Genealogy minded. Elder Hay spent some very busy days travelling to Utiku, Manaia, and New Plymouth giving instruction and help to all the members.

Quite a number of changes have been made in the district officers. District President, Othello P. Pearce; 1st Counsellor, Turake Manuirirangi; 2nd Counsellor, Steve White; Secretary, Vilate Pearce. The Genealogy Committee is as follows: Chairman, Turake Manuirirangi; 1st Counsellor, Steve White; 2nd Counsellor, Waka Heperi; Secretary, Doris Manu; Assistants, W. C. Katene and Bruce Judd. The District Relief Society is still under the direction of Sister Hinerau White with Sister V. Pearce, 1st Counsellor. Brother Ephrain Jack Prime is the Sunday School Superintendent and Sister Doris Manu the President of the Y.W.M.I.A. With the release of Sister Moana Koa from the President District Primary, Sister Shirley Manu has been called to fill this position. We'd like to congratulate Sister Moana on her marriage to Henry Sharland on December 21st, and to thank her sincerely for the work she did in the Primary organization. We were sorry she couldn't attend the Hui Pariha and hope her husband has regained his health.

From New Plymouth comes the news that they are kept pretty busy. The Priesthood has been working on two major projects; they poured a concrete water tank for Brother Bruce Judd and helped Brother Steve White to harvest his hay. A fine testimony meeting was held during the neighborhood Sunday School at the McDonald home. It was at this meeting that the baby son of Brother and Sister Mason McDonald was blessed and given the name James Heeni. Our congratulations to the McDonald's and also to Brother and Sister Bruce Judd who are proud parents of a lovely baby daughter, Judith Patricia. I hear that shortly after Elders Chad Campbell and L. D. Burbidge arrived to labour in New Plymouth, they sold their car . . . the one with the square wheels!

There have been a number of visitors to the Manaia Branch this month. On the 6th January, Sister Kauhoe Arthur, her family and grandchildren were present at Sunday School and stayed on for a short visit. Sister Ao Elkington is a much welcomed visitor, too.

The Utiku Sunday School is now being manned by members with Brother Jim O'Brien as the new Superintendent. The Bible Study evening has now developed into an M.I.A. with Brother Ted Thorner as its President. Everyone is enthusiastic about it and recreation is being planned in the form of a picnic and swimming, table tennis evenings, etc. The ages in the group

range from 10 to 78 years. We are pleased to hear that Elder L. Kaufman now has his foot out of plaster and is able to work once more. John Thorner has been ordained a deacon by Elder L. Kaufman and John Kells (who is now living in Wanganui) was ordained a deacon by Elder R. Anderson. There have been some changes in the auxiliaries of the Wanganui Branch. I have been released, along with my officers, from the Primary Presidency, which is now in the capable hands of these officers: President, Sister Patricia Blythe; 1st Counsellor, Laura Anderson; Secretary, Joyce Malcon. The Relief Society, too, is reorganized with Sister Nola O'Brien, President; Sister Elaine Heperi, 1st Counsellor; Sister Mihi Mohi, secretary.

The Wanganui members were kept very busy over the Hui Pariha weekend as we were hosts to all the visitors and I hope you all enjoyed the billeting as much as I did. We are very pleased to welcome Elder Spencer here as a companion for Elder Gee. Visitors to Wanganui have been Sister Farina McCarthy, Sister Wilkie and baby Shane Francis Edward Wilkie who was blessed two months ago by Elder Gee.

Well, that's the news for this month. My very best wishes to you all.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

Reporter: Delia Steele

Once again it is time to make a report of all the happenings in the Manawatu District. First of all I would like to congratulate Sister Leota Nielsen (nee Cooksley) on the birth of a daughter, Sonia Joy, on New Year's Day and we wish her and her wee daughter well. Congratulations also go to Brother and Sister Howell on the birth of a son, Peter LeRoy, who made his appearance into this world round about Christmas time, the exact date escapes me, but I think it was Christmas Eve.

On the 26th and 27th of January a very successful Hui Pariha was held at Tahoraiti Pa, Dannevirke. On the Saturday there were games, etc. The Relief Society Sisters had stalls which were filled with handicrafts and sewing from the different branches. The Hui was held in glorious weather which no doubt helped to make it the success it was.

The Palmerston North Branch held a picnic on the 2nd February at Ashhurst Domain. Some hardy members were there just after eight o'clock, but the majority arrived at approximately 11 o'clock and the day ended at 5:30 p.m. A good time was had by all, kai being provided by each family. There were games, such as married ladies' race, tug-o'-war, softball and several races for the younger generation. After lunch those who wished to go swimming piled into cars or trucks, whatever was nearest, and went to the Saddle Road Bridge for a beautiful swim. It was so good we did not want to get out! There were a few sunburnt faces and backs after that day.

There were several Baptisms on 3rd February, at the riverside, and we welcome into the Palmerston North Branch Sisters Ingri Alma, Amelia Morris, Ingri Aileen Morris, Ingrid Lynette Gleason, and last but not least, Roger Graham Clark, son of Brother and Sister Clarke, Brother Clark being President of the Branch. We trust that these new sisters and brother will find joy and companionship here in the Palmerston North Branch and wherever they may decide to go. On the same day there were two blessings. Baby Peter LeRoy Howell and Baby Janice Mary Gleason were blessed. We also congratulate Brother James Lyon Templeton on his advancement from Deacon to Teacher and we are sure that Brother Templeton is deserving of this honour and will justify his calling.

Brother Dick Marsh, Snr., has been honourably released as 1st Counsellor in the Manawatu District Presidency and we thank this Brother for the

work he has done for us here and elsewhere. Brother Douglas Strothers has been sustained as 2nd Counsellor and we are sure this Brother will do his utmost to fulfill his calling. Brother Eric Steele has now been sustained as 1st Counsellor. The District Presidency is now constituted as follows:—

District President, Elder LeRoy J. Bott; 1st Counsellor, Brother Eric J. Steele; 2nd Counsellor, Brother Douglas Strother; Clerk, Sister Delma Bott.

On the 6th February the Relief Society Sisters of the Palmerston North Branch held their first meeting of the year which was followed by a social. No doubt the Sisters had lots to talk about after having been in recess for so long! The evening was quite a success, a great many Sisters being in attendance.

We are thrilled to welcome back Sisters Morwena Meha and Te Uira Morell. These Sisters have been residents of sanatoriums and hospitals for some time, especially Sister Meha, and I am sure they are pleased to be with their friends and relations once more. We pray that God may give them strength to perform their respective duties and that as time goes on they will be completely healed.

News from the Tamaki Branch: We are happy to report that Brothers Richard Marsh, Jr., and Te Naera Tangaroa are now labouring at the Temple-College project. The services of these good brethren will be much appreciated there.

Tamaki Chapel and recreation hall have received a new coat of paint and they both look resplendent in their new coats; I hardly recognised them when I saw them last Sunday, the 9th February!

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

The saying goes, "ALL GOOD COMES TO THOSE WHO WAIT" and so, after awaiting 60 years, a heat wave swept Wellington area, with the result that on January 19th members and friends gathered together at the Khandallah Domain to unite for a complete relaxation, to enjoy swimming and sunbathing at the great District Sunday School Picnic. This event was certainly enjoyed by all and made everyone feel that life after all is worthwhile.

Recent visitors bringing to the various branches of the district organizational instructions were Elders Hymas and Briggs, who made us all realize the importance of Leadership and Church Government.

The District Relief Society is now reorganized following the release of its 1st Counsellor, Sister Betty Stinson, and is as follows: President, Sister Elsie Elkington; with Sisters Roberta Hoy, Tiro Ballie and Nora Pou as her counsellors and secretary. Special mention is that of Sisters Hoy and Pou who are both recent converts and who have really proven themselves outstanding and capable of officiating in their duties.

We are very thrilled and happy over the wonderful work our proselyting missionaries are doing here, and coming to add strength to district twelve are Elders Richard Smith and Ray Lewis. We certainly welcome you and say to you both: "LIFE HAS NOW BEGUN." Recently a beautiful and impressive baptismal service was held at Porirua by the missionaries, whereby a group entered the waters of baptism and were made members of the Porirua Branch. They were Brother and Sister Jack Hatt, Sister Margaret Hatt and little Andrea Ruth Wineera. As Hutt Branch members: Brother and Sister A. Adams, Brothers John Naylor, James McCauley and Lawrence Snelgrar.

From the Hutt Branch comes news of the following ordinations:

Deacon: Brother Robert Walker, Jr. Teachers: Brothers Tumahuki Daymond, Cyril Howard Beach, David Reynolds, Snr., Huriwhinea Parata.

From Wellington comes the news of the reorganizing of their Relief Society as follows: President, Sister Maureen Ottley Metcalf, with Sisters Betty Stinson, Dorothy Addley and Eunice Stinson as Counsellors and Secretary respectively.

The 9th February was a great day for this branch "T.K." agent, Sister Grace Smith, as on this day she united herself with Brother Prim Harris of Dannevirke. Following this ceremony, which was conducted in the Porirua Chapel, a reception was held in the recreation hall where friends from far and near gathered to wish them both joy and happiness.

From Porirua comes news of ordinations: Deacons, Brothers Le Royden Wineera, and John Arthur. Teachers: Brothers Robert Solomon, Frank Pou, Ruru Rene, Jr. Priest: Brother Karewa Arthur.

The reorganizing of the M.I.A. took place and it has been decided to amalgamate this organization. Its officers are: President, Sister Wikitoria Whatu; Age-Group Counsellor, Sister Tillie Katene; Activity Counsellor, Brother Pikau Arthur; and as secretary, Sister Patricia Wineera.

A programme committee has also been organized under the M.I.A. to take care of all social life and affairs of the branch and consist of the following members: Brothers Matthew Love, Keith Warren and Tony McCarthy, Sisters Roena Parai, Lele Parai, Ria Piwari, Hoki Wineera, Vernice Wineera, Lena Kenny and Frances Mackie.

A recent branch bride was Sister Grace Pene when she was united at the chapel in a very impressive ceremony to Brother Thomas Edmonds.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

By Judy Hutson

Once more we break the long silence from down south and I will endeavour to catch up on all the news. First we hear from Dunedin. The Relief Society have been very busy and have held a successful bazaar and raised a good sum of money. At Christmas Brother and Sister Duncan gave their time to go and give their help at the College and when they returned to Dunedin they took more news of the progress and activities than they have heard yet. A visit from Elders Hymas, Briggs, Peterson and Shy corresponded with Dunedin's Branch Conference. Past officers were thanked for their co-operation and help; released from their positions and new officers were elected. Elder Hymas and Briggs gave much valuable instruction, especially at the auxiliary meetings. The fellowship, love and spirit in the Branch is steadily growing. They pray it will continue to do so.

Christchurch Branch is growing. We have now moved to a hall where we hold all our meetings. It is at 75 Gloucester Street. If our attendance continues to grow this hall should soon be too small for us.

The M.I.A. have had some very enjoyable evenings since Christmas. We have had swimming parties, picture evenings, a barbecue, and a party. Everyone joins in the fun and so the evenings are enjoyed by all who attend.

Elder Gunderson left us at Christmas and we take this opportunity of thanking him for his work here in our branch. Our best wishes go to him where he is labouring now. In his place as companion to Elder Tolman we have Elder Halls. Also new in Christchurch are Elders Hugh and Briggs and we pray that the labours of these three Elders will prove successful.

We held our Branch Conference on February 10th and there was a good attendance at the evening meeting.

Well, that is all our news for now, so we say cheerio until next month.

STATISTICS

Blessing: Lynn Patricia Cockburn, daughter of Brother and Sister W. Cockburn of Dunedin.

WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Maria Elkington

Dear readers. Much has happened since the last news of our District went to press. Now labouring at the College from the Waikato District are Brothers Geoffrey Heke, Albert Marshall, and Allan and Sam Forbes. A hearty welcome to these Brothers and we hope they do well in their calling.

We welcome to the District four new proselyting missionaries, Elders Brown and G. Edwards and Sisters VanOrdan and Martin. The Sisters are labouring in Hamilton and we feel quite confident that they will make fine progress there.

Our Home Sunday Schools are in steady progress. From Raglan comes news of two more baptisms. A word of sympathy to the Forbes family whose home in Raglan was burned down.

Pukekohe Home Sunday School has moved their meetings to the outskirts of town and attendance has much increased since.

Cambridge Home Sunday School, under the supervision of Elder Oliphant has been doing extremely well. On February 9th a successful Sunday School party was held.

Previous missionaries to this District will be pleased to hear that Matamata has been added to our District area. We wish to thank Brother Jim Conner who has been giving fine support to our Sunday School at Kaiawa.

Big health germs to Saints in the hospital, Brother Tangi Paki, Sandra Ormsby and Alma Ormsby. We pray them a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Alan Forbes and Noeline Parker of Hamilton on their recent engagement and also to Elder Lauritzen and Maurice Daniels on their marriage at Hamilton, which was performed by Elder Dave Evans.

We were sorry to lose Brother and Sister Monty Edwards and family who have moved from the College to Hamilton. Also as new residents to Hamilton we welcome Brother and Sister Thomas Kershaw.

There has been a reorganization in the Presidency of the District Geneological Committee. Brother Percy Hill has been released as President and in his place is Elwin Clark with Lester Harris as 1st assistant and Daisy Clark as 2nd assistant.

Primary enrollment in the District has reached the total of over 200 and our "Children's Friend" subscription has reached 85%. Primary graduates: Andrew Kenny and Hoani Heketanga of the Rakaumanga Primary, Huntly and Richard Keys of the College. Our District Primary President, Sister Ririe, wishes to thank her officers for their fine support at leadership meetings and District visits. Due to Elder Morrison, we now have a Primary functioning at Waitawhara (Port Waikato) with Puhanga Tupaea as President and Hilda Tupaea as Secretary.

We now have a Primary at Tekowhai where Elder and Sister Lyman have been taking Sunday School. Sisters Polly Rawiri and Nancy Ngawhiki are the teachers. Pukekohe Primary: President, Puti Herewini; 1st Counsellor, Wheni Lawrence; 2nd Counsellor, Kare Mokaraka.

A word of thanks to our top reporter for last year, Sister Charlotte Heke of Huntly who was constant in sending in reports.

Until our next report. Au revoir.

Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established.
—Proverbs 24:3.

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

IT is Easter time again. Easter brings to our minds the special mission of the Saviour, which was to break the band of Death, thus giving to all of us the hope of a Resurrection. Easter further reminds us of His great purpose which He said was two-fold, to bring to pass not only immortality but also the eternal life for all men.

It was in this time of the year in 1830 that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was restored to the earth. This founding constituted a renewal of all the powers of God to His children and presented to them the challenge of achieving a place in the Celestial Kingdom of Our Father.

With these great concepts in mind we meet in our Hui Tau, the annual conference of the Church in New Zealand. With these things in mind we come to worship our Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ. We come together to receive greater enlightenment so that we can more effectively fulfill the callings of service we have received in the Church.

We attend this great conference seeking inspiration from our leaders and from the association we have with men and women who, through the lives they live, bear witness to the value of the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is good for us to identify ourselves with the membership of the Church. While we are assembled it is our privilege to sustain the General Authorities of our Church as Men of God, as His authorized agents here on earth. With uplifted hands we pledge our support in carrying out the will of Our Father as it has been given through revelation in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price.

We must attend the Hui Tau with a desire to be spiritually built up through the gift of the Holy Ghost. Our responsibility is to keep ourselves in tune with the Holy Spirit, put forth an honest effort to obtain a knowledge of the Gospel and, in fact, bring with us to the Hui Tau a mind and heart prepared to bear testimony. Then will we be properly prepared to receive the spiritual blessing of this great gathering.

What, then, do we need to bring with us to Hui Tau? I would list the following: Faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ, a desire to learn, clean hands and a pure heart, a knowledge of the Gospel, and a fertile, mind actively conscious of the great principles of the Gospel. Then we will be prepared to both give and receive a maximum of the spirit of this Easter Gathering.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
—John 15:13.

EDITORIAL . . .

"HE LIVES WHO ONCE WAS DEAD"

" . . . And they took Jesus and led Him away.
"And He bearing His cross went forth to a place called the place of a skull . . .
"Where they crucified Him . . . "

(John 19:16-18.)

THE earth was torn with earthquakes and the sky rent with lightning as it cried out against the injustice done this innocent man; yet He died, not because He had injured and hurt others, but because He spoke truth and claimed His birth-right, because envy, hate, greed, and resistance to change filled the hearts of those who led the people. So deep was that hatred, that any lie which would cause the destruction of this righteous man was justifiable to them.

When He died, His murderers joyed in their hearts; yet throughout His suffering, the agony and insult heaped upon Him, the cry of His heart was, "Father, forgive them for they know **not** what they do!" Then He died; He died as a martyr; He was buried in a borrowed tomb and was laid to rest without so much as a prayer. Those who grieved were few in number as compared to the rabid mob, but their grief was deep, their feelings truer than those of the mob. Here lay their Mosiah, He who was to release them from bondage and restore their heritage as promised to Father Abraham. Here lay their one true friend who had taught them so differently concerning life, worship, the fulfilling of the law and the love of a neighbour. His law had been so much **more** merciful than that of Moses; it had **freed** man. He was no Pharisee; yet, His compassion towards mankind, the giving of Himself as well as of His few goods in helping the poor, the lame, the blind, the orphaned, or the widowed seemed much closer to God's way than that example set by the Elders of the law. His very gifts of love, strength, and good health had given life anew to many; He'd changed the courses of many lives and caused them to overflow with happiness . . . though material goods He seldom gave; His spiritual gifts were so much more lasting! "Oh, God, why must one such as He, one who never hurt or abused, be dealt with such as this?" He spoke so often of those things which would be done to Him; yet, He never ran away; rather He went "as a lamb to the slaughter," knowing that which was to come, dreading, but not holding back. He said so much . . . and yet so few understood concerning His fate, and hearts were filled with despair at His death.

Then we read:

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre . . . And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the LIVING among the dead? He is not here, but is RISEN; remember how He spake

unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?"

(Luke 24:1-7.)

These things were so hard to believe; they had seen Him die! Yet, that faint hope in the hearts of His followers burst into bloom when not one, but **many** groups saw and spoke with **Him,** and some broke bread with Him. Tears of joy flowed from the eyes of those who beheld, while others fell at His feet and worshipped. **He lives! He lives!** Now began the people to understand, "My kingdom is not of this world."

" . . . And thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

"And ye are witnesses of these things.

(Luke 24:46-48.)

And so it is that the testimony of His resurrection comes to us down through the ages by the Bible, but not from the Bible alone. Those of His "other sheep" in the western world who saw Him bore record for us:

" . . . And, behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and He was clothed in a white robe; and He came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon Him.

" . . . He stretched forth His hand and spake unto the people, saying: Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world . . .

"Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world."

(3 Nephi 11:8, 9, 10, 14.)

And in this day and age we find another record of the Lord manifesting Himself to His servants:

"And we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father, and received of His fullness. And saw the holy angels, and they who are sanctified before His throne, worshipping God AND THE LAMB, who worship Him for ever and ever. And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of Him, this is the testimony last of all, which we give of Him, that HE LIVES. For we saw Him, even on the right hand of God, and we heard the voice bearing record that He is the Only Begotten of the Father . . ."

(D. & C. 76:20-23.)

He lives! And with Him lives every hope and promise that God has given His children. Because He lives, we live and shall not die, but be resurrected to "everlasting and eternal life" . . . as we **live worthy** of those blessings which our Father has promised to the faithful.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice.

"And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

(John 5:28-29.)

—K.S.B.

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

DO you believe in miracles?

"Every miracle is a sign of God's power," wrote the Apostle James E. Talmage in his scholarly book, *Jesus the Christ*. He said further concerning miracles: "The spiritual effect of miracles would be unattained were the witnesses not caused to inwardly wonder, marvel, ponder and inquire . . . miracles (are) phenomena . . . wrought by an agency beyond the power of man's control . . . all nature is miracle." The so-called natural growth in plant development is miraculous in that science has not yet been able to explain it.

Many poets have recognized and wondered about the miraculous in nature. Wrote the eminent Walt Whitman:

. . . I know nothing else but miracles,
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan . . .
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,
Or stand under trees in the woods,
Or watch honey-bees busy around the hive of a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields,
Or birds or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining so quiet and bright,
Or the exquisite, delicate, thin curve of the new moon in Spring;
To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle;
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle.
To me the sea is a continual miracle,
The fishes that swim—the rocks, the motion of the waves, the ships with men in them,
What stranger miracles are there?

If you have ever doubted the great miracle of the resurrection, then arise before the sun, as Mary Magdalene did, while it is yet dark, and go and stand on a lonely hill, and there contemplate the meaning of re-awakening. As you watch, the darkness will slowly turn to grey. Let your eyes linger on the immensity of the invading light and the wonder of it will fill you with awe. Then listen to the morning noises as slumbering life awakens, the insects, the birds, the cattle and all living things. As the hum grows louder, do not cease to watch the heavens and you will see a kaleidoscope of golden colours sweeping across the grey expanse. As you marvel at the sight, the sun god, in his ball of fire, will rise up from behind the hills, the living things will open their throats and the symphony of music and colour will unite in glorious climax to welcome the day. At such a time you will be filled with emotion, the buds will blossom, the mists in the valleys will vanish, the grey will give way to brilliant blues and golds, and doubt of the resurrection of life will die in you. At such a time the resurrection will seem not only a probability, not only a possibility, but a reality. At such a time you will know that the works of God are miracles. Then you will want to shout with the sun, the sky, the hills and all living things, "Praise be to God for He has created the earth and all that moves and breathes therein. Christ has risen from the dead, and all life awakens."

Sunday School

. . . FEED MY SHEEP . . .

ONE of the greatest examples that we can take from the scriptures on the importance of teaching is found in John 21:1-17. The resurrected Saviour had appeared two times to the Apostles and still the importance of this fact, the Resurrection, the Gospel itself, and telling other people had not impressed them. Finally Christ appeared the third time to His chosen men who had gone back to their fishing. After He had settled them and taken care of their physical needs, He asked their beloved leader, Peter, a very heart-appealing question: "Lovest thou me more than *those?*" Peter quickly answered, "Thou knowest I love Thee." Then the Master replied with an answer that was not only directed to Peter and those assembled there, but to every member of His kingdom: "Feed my sheep."

Are any of us today more concerned with the physical side of life as was Peter with his fish, or are we taking the admonition of the Saviour to "feed the sheep?" Are lessons being prepared during the week, or are they left until Saturday night or Sunday morning and just briefly glanced over? The *success* of the Sunday School is not with the Superintendency, but with the teachers. That is where the lessons of life are taught. May we take our responsibilities seriously and not consider the fish more important than the Sheep.

SACRAMENT GEM FOR APRIL

"Jesus said, He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father."

(John 14:21.)

IT'S YOU

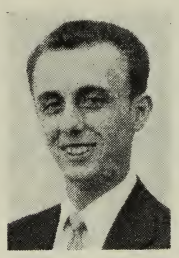
If you want to work for the kind of a branch
Like the kind of a branch you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip,
Or start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your branch.
It isn't the branch—it's you.

Real branches are not made by men afraid,
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When everyone works, and nobody shirks,
You can raise a branch that's dead.
And if while you make your personal stake
Your neighbour can make one, too,
Your branch will be what you want it to be.
It isn't the branch—it's you.

—From "Ka Elele O Hawaii."
(Golden Nuggets of Thought.)

Here and There in the Mission

How does it feel to attend your own sailing and farewell and then return home with the crowd? That question should easily be answered by ELDER EMERY P. PATTEN and ELDER N. LAVELL WOOD. A last-minute change of plans resulted in their flying home on March 5th, 1957.



Elder Wood

ELDER N. LAVELL WOOD, of Salt Lake City, Utah, plans on returning to the University of Utah where he previously did two years of study in pre-dental work; however, his natural ability for drawing may now be used in the advertising field. Enroute to New Zealand, Elder Wood proselyted for two months in Los Angeles, California, and eight days in Sydney, Australia. Since arriving here he proselyted in the Otago District for 16 months, Poverty Bay District for six months (four months of which he was Supervising Elder) and the Auckland District for five months. He feels that some of his best friends are here in New Zealand and that his missionary work has greatly enriched his life. He would like for the people to know that he is "happy and thankful for the things which you have done. You have been a great blessing in my own life; and the things which have been done for me hold more meaning and appreciation than words can express. I ask the Lord to bless you in your needs and your desires, and I pray that you may remain active."

I am reminded of the lovely visitors who have come in to see the Chapel because they were so impressed by this young man and the message he left them. He was an effective ambassador.

Previous to his mission, ELDER EMERY P. PATTEN, of Orem, Utah, spent two years at Brigham Young University studying Mechanical Engineering. Providing Uncle Sam does not call him into the Army immediately, he shall continue his studies at B.Y.U. Elder Patten laboured ten months in Dunedin, 12 months in Wellington, where he taught the adult Sunday School class, and six months in Auckland where he was Supervising Elder. His work and his example have benefitted many people here, and his efforts will long be remembered with pleasure. This gem of thought he leaves with us, "The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." He is thankful for his association with the Saints and missionaries in the Districts in which he laboured, and he asks that "God bless you."

Elder Patten

Leaving New Zealand on the 14th March by P.A.A. was ELDER LEWIS H. WILLIAMS, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Previous to his mission call, Elder Williams had graduated from the University of Oregon with his Master's Degree and was working in Idaho Falls as Assistant County Agricultural Agent. Elder Williams laboured his first eight months in Wellington and the other 22 months in the Auckland District. His friendly smile and willingness to help are well known to the people of the Mission, for 14 months of that time he was the Mission Sunday School Superintendent. This mission has meant a great deal to Elder Williams for he had the privilege of watching the Gospel affect the lives of others, and, too, it has strengthened his testimony until he can not only say, "I believe," but "I *know* the Gospel is true and that Joseph Smith is a prophet of the living God." A mission brings this change to many of us; it is a humbling and gratifying

Elder Williams

experience, and peace is brought more abundantly to the soul of him who learns to know and enjoy the association of our Heavenly Father as we seek Him in prayer and see His works each day.

To each of these Elders, as they return to their studies and continued activity in Church work, we say, "Remember us, the effect of your testimonies upon us, and the happiness you achieved through unselfish service to others, and improve these treasures you have gained here by *use*. Kia kaha. Kia Ngawari."

Arriving on the 4th of January was ELDER WILLIAM RANDALL MEEKS, of Raymond, Alberta, Canada. He went to work so quickly that

Elder Meeks

it has taken until now to interview him. Elder Meeks spent one year at Brigham Young University and one year at the University of Alberta where he was taking a pre-dental course. His call to the New Zealand Mission came as a surprise, for though many of his hometown people have fulfilled missions here, most of the Canadians are now being sent to South Africa. After having been here a while, he finds from both the beauty of the country and the hospitality of the people that he is going to be very happy for the next 2½ years. Previously, Elder Meeks acted as a counsellor in his Priest Quorum, President of his Seminary class, and was a member of the Church religious fraternity, Lamba Delta Sigma. Elder Meeks is labouring in Pukekohe with Elder LaRelle J. Hatch

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Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

Priesthood Page

QUALIFICATIONS OF MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD HOLDERS

First—Every Man to Learn His Duty:

THE Lord has commanded each man who receives the holy Melchizedek Priesthood in this dispensation to learn his duty and then to act in the office in which he is appointed in all diligence. A person should be qualified to perform the service that goes with the office involved. Following are the words of the Lord:

"Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand . . . and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand." (D. & C. 107:99-100.)

According to this revelation, every man who receives the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood is under moral obligation and direct commandment from the heavens to learn the duties involved in his office and calling. Elders are to learn the responsibility which rests upon them as elders and magnify their appointments diligently. Seventies are to learn quickly that they are " . . . Especial witnesses unto the Gentiles and in all the world . . . " (D. & C. 107:25) and thereby obligated to render outstanding services in missionary work in the stakes and in the foreign fields. High priests are to study diligently their appointments and assignments and fully apply their lives to the work of the Lord.

No Priesthood holder should let days slide by while he remains in ignorance regarding his office and calling. God will not look upon that procrastination with favour. In the words of President Joseph F. Smith:

"I now say to the brethren holding the Priesthood—the high priests, the seventies, the elders, and the lesser priesthood — magnify your callings; study the scriptures; read the 107th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants on priesthood; learn that revelation, which was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and live by his precepts and doctrine, and you will gain power and intelligence to straighten out any kinks that have heretofore existed in your minds, and to clear up many doubts and uncertainties in relation to the rights of the Priesthood. God gave that word to us. It is in force today in the Church in the world, and it contains instructions to the Priesthood and the people in relation to their duties, which every elder should know." (Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*, pp. 205-206.)

Second—Initiative, a Necessary Quality:

The Lord has made it clear in several revelations that He expects Priesthood Holders to possess a marked amount of initiative. To quote:

"For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise

servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

"Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;

"For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in no wise lose their reward.

"But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned." (D. & C. 58:26-29.)

Third—Devotion to the Lord's Cause:

Men who receive the Melchizedek Priesthood should have a strong devotion to the cause of the Gospel and Church of Jesus Christ. Candidates for the Priesthood and Priesthood Holders should familiarize themselves with the principles, ordinances, and organization of the Church. In short, they should learn to the best of their ability to understand the Gospel plan of Salvation. No man can receive the full benefits of the Priesthood except he humble himself before God and give the glory unto the Father and the Son for all the blessings that he receives and all the knowledge of the Gospel which he attains.

Men who are holders of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood are charged with the words of eternal life and are commissioned to give them unto the world. They should strive continually in their words, actions, and daily deportment to do honour to the dignity of their Priesthood callings. Brigham Young declared:

"Until a selfish, individual interest is vanished from our minds, and we become interested in the general welfare, we shall never be able to magnify our Holy Priesthood as we should." (*Discourses of Brigham Young*, p. 206.)

Fourth—Purity, an Indispensable Quality:

In modern revelation the Lord commanded Melchizedek Priesthood Holders: "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." (D. & C. 38:42.) In another revelation to the Latter-day Saints, God's commandments and promises are given as follows:

"Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidences wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the Priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

"The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever." (D. & C. 121:45-46.)

This important revelation shows definitely that one must keep his heart clean and pure, abiding strictly by the law of chastity, if he expects the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood to operate effectively in his life and the blessings of the Priesthood to be his eternally.

(The Priesthood articles for January, February and March of 1957 have been taken from the July, 1955 *Improvement Era.*)

Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
—Proverbs 23:12.

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Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
—Proverbs 15:16-17.

HUI TAU

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 18th APRIL:

GATHERING DAY.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.—Mission M.I.A. Board Meeting.
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.—Reception.
10:00 - 11:00 p.m.—M.I.A. Dance—College Band.

FRIDAY, 19th APRIL:

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.—Mission M.I.A. Board meet with all District Officers.
10:00 - 12:00 p.m.—Mission M.I.A. Board meet with all District and Branch Officers.
12:00 - 1:45 p.m.—Maori Culture Rehearsal (Mass).
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.—**Activity Room and Boy Meets Girl.**
4:15 - 6:30 p.m.—**Activity Room and Boy Meets Girl.**
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.—M.I.A. Rehearsal for Evening Programme.
7:45 - 10:00 p.m.—M.I.A. Programme Presentation.

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL:

12:15 - 1:45 p.m.—Mass Dance Rehearsal for Gold & Green Ball.
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.—**Activity Room and Boy Meets Girl.**
4:15 - 6:30 p.m.—**Activity Room and Boy Meets Girl.**

SUNDAY, 21st APRIL:

12:15 - 1:45 p.m.—**Boy Meets Girl.**
4:15 - 6:30 p.m.—**Boy Meets Girl.**

MONDAY, 22nd APRIL:

8:00 a.m.—Auckland Band to assemble in front of Kai Hall.
8:15 a.m.—Leave for Sports Ground.
8:30 a.m.—Programme on Sports Ground.
4:00 p.m.—Sports to conclude.
7:30 - 12:00 p.m.—M.I.A. GOLD AND GREEN BALL, Bledisloe Hall. THEME: "Moonlight and Roses."

ACTIVITY ROOM

HUI TAU
FOR YOUTH

AGES 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Genealogy

HUI TAU GENEALOGY PROGRAMME

8:30 a.m. Friday:

A meeting of all DISTRICT and BRANCH Officers and Teachers.

10 to 1:45 p.m. Friday:

Open to all who may wish to attend *and are not in other organizations.*

(a) A programme under the direction of the Research Directors.

(b) A programme for "Family Organizations."

(c) Demonstration by Sister Wood.

(d) The remainder of the time will be under the Mission Chairman's direction to be used as he sees fit.

The building in which this meeting will be held will be announced by the Mission President.

You know the time. Please be there on time.

Since last reporting there have been three more "Family Organizations" organized.

No. 6:

"The Paraeana Organization"—
Pres.: Hori Riki Paraeana.
Vice Pres.: Hori Watene.
Family Representative: Matiti Paraeana Watene.
Secretary: Matiti Paraeana Watene.

No. 7:

"The Manuirirangi Organization"—
Pres.: Turake Manuirirangi.
Vice. Pres.: Kenneth Arthur.
Secretary: Doris Manuirirangi.
Asst. Sec.: Shirly Manuirirangi.

No. 8:

"James Forbes Organization"—
Pres.: James Forbes.
Vice Pres.: Allan Forbes.
2nd Vice Pres.: Sister Huia Forbes.
Secretary: Vera Panere.
Asst. Sec.: May Aspinall.
Treasurer: Taka Panere.
Family Representative: Horace Gordon Tuauru Forbes.
Members: John Aspinall, Kahu Forbes, Rosita King, Ian Forbes, Sam Forbes.

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HUI TAU, 1957

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 1957:

Special Meetings:

10:00 a.m. Hui Tau Board, Matthew Cowley Bldg., Principal's Room.

2:00 p.m. Music Committee, Matthew Cowley Bldg., Principal's Room.

5:00 p.m. M.I.A. Boards, Matthew Cowley Bldg., Reading Room.

Scheduled Meetings:

8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Reception for all Mission Boards and all members, Kai Hall.

10:00 to 11:00 p.m. Dance, Kai Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th, 1957:

Scheduled Meetings:

6:00 a.m. Choir Region 1, Temple Hill.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast, Kai Hall.

8:30 a.m. Mission Boards and District Boards:
Genealogy, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.
M.I.A., David O. McKay Cafteria.
Relief Society, David O. McKay Cafteria.
Primary, Matthew Cowley Reading Room.
Sunday School, Matthew Cowley Reception Room.
Mission President for interviews, Matthew Cowley Principal's Room.

10:00 a.m. Mission Boards, District Boards, and all District and Branch Officers and Teachers. (Same as above.)

12:00 to 1:45 p.m. Mission Presidency and Elders' Quorum Presidencies in the Matthew Cowley Principal's Room.
Rehearsal Period.
L.D.S. Youth Social Centre, Girls' Dorm. Lounge.

2:00 p.m. First General Session, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.

4:15 to 6:45 p.m. L.D.S. Youth Social Centre, Girls' Dorm. Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Kai.

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Programme Rehearsal.

7:00 p.m. Primary Programme, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.

7:45 p.m. M.I.A. Programme, David O. McKay, Assembly Hall. Maori Culture.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, 1957:

Scheduled Meetings:

6:00 a.m. Choir Region 2, Temple Hill.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast.

8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Music Leadership, all Branch and District Music people, Leaders and Organists, David O. McKay Assembly Hall. Mission President for interviews, Matthew Cowley Principal's Room.

10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Second General Session, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.

12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Mission Presidency with District Presidencies, Matthew Cowley Principal's Room.
Sunday School Mission Board with Officers and Teachers, Matthew Cowley Reception Room.
M.I.A. Dance Rehearsal, David O. McKay Cafeteria.
L.D.S. Youth Social Centre, Girls' Dorm. Lounge.

2:00 p.m. Third General Session, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.

4:15 to 6:45 p.m. L.D.S. Youth Social Centre, Girls' Dorm. Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Kai.

5:15 p.m. Mission President for interviews, Matthew Cowley Principal's Room.

7:30 p.m. Programme M.A.C. Old Boys and College Talent, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 1957:

Scheduled Meetings:

6:00 a.m. Choir Region 3, Temple Hill.

8:00 to 9:45 p.m. Melchizedek Priesthood Meeting, Elders' Quorum Presidents, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.
Aaronic Priesthood Meeting, Quorum Presidents, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.
Relief Society, David O. McKay Cafeteria.

10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Fourth General Session.

12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Mission Presidency, District Presidencies, Branch Presidencies, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.
Sunday School Mission Board with Sunday School Superintendents and Secretaries, David O. McKay Cafeteria.
L.D.S. Youth Social Centre, Girls' Dorm. Lounge.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fifth General Session.

4:15 to 6:45 p.m. L.D.S. Youth Social Centre, Girls' Dorm. Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Kai.

7:30 p.m. Choir Festival, David O. McKay Assembly Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1957:

Scheduled Meetings:

5:30 a.m. Missionary Testimony Meeting, Matthew Cowley Reception Room.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast.

8:30 a.m. M.I.A. Sports.

4:00 p.m. Kai.

4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mission President for interviews, Matthew Cowley Principal's Room.

8:00 p.m. GOLD AND GREEN BALL, Hamilton Hall.
Relief Society Exhibition in Matthew Cowley Commons Room. Open between meetings. All invited. All books and magazines will be handled in Bookstore in Matthew Cowley Building. Open between meetings only.

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Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

WE the Sisters of the Relief Society Mission Board, invite you to come along to the meetings which we have planned for you at the Hui Tau. We hope that you will arrange your time and duties so that you will be free to attend your particular department.

There will be placed in the sleeping quarters an information board which will give you the times and LOCATION of all meetings. This is especially for your benefit so that you will be on time to all the meetings. Carefully study this information for the LOCATION of the following meetings:

FRIDAY, 19th APRIL:

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Mission Board with District Presidencies.

10:35 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Mission Board with District and Branch Presidencies.

11:35 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Mission Board with above Officers and ALL TEACHERS, Secretaries, Magazine Agents, and all other Officers.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.—Secretaries and Magazine Agents to remain.

12:35 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.—Rehearsal with all who are taking part on the Sunday morning programme.

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL:

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—Choristers, Organists and all who take care of the Music.

SUNDAY, 21st APRIL:

8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—General Session of Relief Society.

We also invite you to come along to the "Exhibition Room" and see if there are any ideas there which will help you in Relief Society. We ask you to write your ideas down if you feel that there is something which will help the work progress in the mission.

MAGAZINES:

In the March issue of the Relief Society Magazine, New Zealand will be represented, not only on the cover, but on the special page reserved for recipes from other missions. Is your subscription up to date?

have you heard about...

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD FOR APRIL AND MAY

Reverence and Respect for the House of the Lord.

Behold, mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion.

(Doc. & Cov. 132:8.)

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMME

1st Sunday in May.

Your Primary Sunday Evening Programme will be taken from the "Standard to Primary Workers Everywhere" for our April and May Programme. You all should have received this Bulletin from your District Officers. A very impressive programme can be worked from this for any age group or any number of children. REMEMBER to live the Standard while portraying the Standard.

HUI TAU

District Officers' and Teachers' Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

District and Branch Officers' and Teachers' Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Primary Programme at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

All Primary children who have learned the songs from the age of 7 to 12 can participate in the Programme.

This being our New Zealand Primary's 30th Anniversary we plan to make our Officers' and Teachers' Meeting enjoyable with special festivities as well as being instructional. Sister Ballif, being our first Primary President in 1927 and now our Primary Supervisor in 1957, will be our Honoured Guest. All come and help celebrate this wonderful occasion. Past Primary Workers cordially invited.

Be on time for get acquainted with each other at 9:30 a.m. with your name, Branch and District pinned on you. Bring pencils and paper for notes.

LESSONS FOR MAY

Youngest Group:

1st Week—Practice for Special Sunday Programme.

2nd Week, Page 54—Gratitude.

3rd Week—Sharing Our Blessings.

4th Week, Page 76—Prayer.

Continue to use your "Thank Thee Chart" from last month with the lessons for 2nd and 3rd weeks. Make the children aware of their many blessings and that they should be more grateful. For the 4th week, teach the children the 4 steps on praying as shown on Page 78, and use pictures, too, if possible. The stories illustrate how our prayers are answered if we seek our Heavenly Father.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week—Practice for Sunday Programme.

2nd Week, Page 79—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

3rd Week, Page 83—Repentance.

4th Week, Page 88—Baptism.

We have missed all the lessons pertaining to Christmas and will take them in December when they are appropriate. You just need to look at the headings of these three lessons to know the importance of them and realise you must have them well prepared. Giving the children a knowledge of these three things is our Primary responsibility, so please take extra steps in having all pupils present and extra care in giving the lesson so that each child will gain a knowledge of these things.

Trailbuilders:

1st Week—Practice for Sunday Programme.

2nd Week—Faith.

3rd Week—Repentance.

4th Week—Baptism.

For the first lesson turn to page 84, as we will leave the Christmas lessons until the appropriate time. These lessons cover the fourth Article of Faith. There is not very much activity in these first lessons, so teachers prepare well and have class participation so the boys will enjoy a "study" lesson as much as an activity lesson. Have your teaching aids prepared, and remember that as leaders your enthusiasm and attitude will play a large part in your pupils' reaction to learning.

Seagulls:

1st Week, Page 77—Testimony.

2nd Week, Page 82—Missionaries.

3rd Week, Page 102—"We Believe in being Subjects to Kings, Presidents, Rulers, Magistrates."

4th Week, Page 107—Obeying, Honouring and Sustaining the Law.

Reference to Thanksgiving and Christmas should be omitted in presenting the first two lessons. These lessons may make a lasting impression on your non-member girls so develop as outlined. The girls should receive their check sheets for their Seagull Scrapbooks. Steps in Getting a Testimony. Adapt the lesson on the 12th Article of Faith to suit New Zealand laws and conditions.

Note: JEWELS FOR AWARDS may be obtained from: Paragon Arts Needlecraft Ltd., Paragon Chambers, 284 Lambton Quay, Wellington, C.1. Jewel Setter 5/9; Jewels Packet of 36 £3/10/-.

Secretaries:

Please be more punctual with reports. Branch Secretaries always report.

New Zealand Saint dies in California

NEARING 70 years of age, SISTER MARY ANN HALL BEAN died at her home in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., on February 28, 1957. She was the dearly beloved wife of Les Claudius Bean, daughter of the late David and Harata Hall of Tauranga, New Zealand, and the loving sister of George R. and James R. Hall, both of Henderson, and Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews of Tauranga. She is survived by her family and grandchildren.

Sister Bean was born in 1888, and when 12 years of age emigrated to Utah at the request of Elder Christian Petersen of Sevier County, Utah. She acted as host to many from New Zealand and enjoyed the opportunity of speaking with them in the language of her mother. In 1933-34 Sister Bean visited her people in New Zealand for a year and returned to the States in 1934.

Sister Bean was a grand-daughter of Chief Paraone Koikoi of Happy Memory, the paramount chief of the Ngaitemarawaho Tribe who defied the Government in the Maori War dispute.

"Death is but a step towards the Creator."

Featuring the Districts

BAY OF ISLANDS DISTRICT

By Tai T. Rakena

Greetings, everyone!

Preparations for Hui Tau are now in full swing with the district taking active part in the choir reheasals and Maori culture, not forgetting the preparations of the busy women in the Relief Society. Owing to the shortage of time till Hui Tau, the district presidency are all teaching the different branches their choir pieces under the direction of Brother Aperahama Wharemate. There being no music director in the district, these brothers are doing a splendid job.

On Tuesday, 12th February, the district held a Valentine Party at Mataraua, one of the branches situated a few miles from Kaikohe. There was an attendance of about 200, ranging from 5-year-olds to sixty-year-olds. The first part of the evening comprised items and skits given by various branches of the district. Perhaps the most entertaining item was that given by all the proselyting and working Elders who rendered (unrehearsed) "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" under the very "amiable" conducting of Sister Kohkonen. The latter part of the evening came to an end with a dance and a choir number rendered by the district choir. Our congatulations go to Brother Graham Alexander for running the programme in the spirit set out in all our teachings.

The Elders' Quorum are still working hard on their fencing project at Otaua. This perhaps is one of the toughest jobs tackled by our brothers with still about another mile and a half to go. During the Saturdays that they have been working, they have completed 48 chains of fencing and made seven flood gates. Because of lack of Elders at the Saturday job, eight of them took a week off from their own jobs to work on the project, and so hurry things along. Altogether during that week they completed fifty-four chains of work and erected nine flood gates, a really true spirit shown by our brothers. Sister Ripene Wihongi did the cooking for the menfolk.

A new feature in our district is the organisation of a family representative in the Genealogical Society. With the visit on Saturday, 9th March, of President Hay of the Genealogical Society, two families in the district were organized, namely the Witehira family, whose family representative is Brother Paepae Witehira, and the Wihongi family, their representative being Brother Waimate Wihongi.

Congratulations to Sister Harris on her recent baptism into the Church.

As usual, the Bay of Islands held their Leadership meeting at Kaikohe Chapel, on Saturday, 23rd February. These meetings will now be held in the evenings commencing at 7 o'clock because of Quorum work carried out during the day. Would all district officers please take note of the change. Brother Dave Tare was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School for the district. Brother George Bryers was released from this calling, and to you, Brother, we say, "Thank you" for your good work and spirit that you have rendered to the district. We also have appointed as 2nd Counsellor to the Primary in the district, Sister Te Aroha Witehira. May the blessings of the Lord guide and help you in your new calling, Sister Witehira.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

The district held a successful dance on the 3rd of this month, the theme being "Corn Cob Hop." Supper for this was steaming hot corn on the cob with plenty of butter.

We offer our congratulations to Sister Kelani Harris on obtaining her second year Mia Joy Award. Keep up the fine work, Kelani.

Welcome back, Lini! Brother To'o has been in hospital.

We would like to congratulate Elder David H. Bell on his being called as Supervising Elder in this district.

North Shore:

There have been a few changes in the branch this month. Sister Mavis Bryce was released as secretary to the Relief Society and Sister Roberts was released as literature teacher in the Relief Society. Sister Braund was set apart as secretary to the Relief Society and also as Mia Maid teacher, Sister Watene as 2nd counsellor and teacher in Primary, and Sister Rood as literature teacher in Relief Society.

Mavis and George Bryce are the proud parents of a 9lb. baby boy, born Sunday, March 3rd. Congratulations!

We were happy to see another of our young ones baptized during the month. Lionel Pedersen was baptised by Brother Jesse Rood and confirmed by Brother Ken Murfitt. The Primary children sang at the service.

A truly inspiring service was given by the Relief Society at their Sunday evening programme on March 3rd, conducted by Sister G. Dill. Honoured guests from the District Relief Society were Sister Schaumkel and Sister Ihaka.

Tamaki:

The highlight of Tamaki's activities this month were undoubtedly the M.I.A. "Valentine Party" and "Meet Me at Mutual" programmes. Our Valentine Party found gay young male and feminine hearts meeting together in friendly competition and presenting to an appreciative gathering a delicious array of sweets.

Games and dancing interspersed throughout the evening made this event a truly happy one for young and old alike.

Brother Ron Peihopa, a visiting College boy, gained two credits towards his Master M Men Award in this branch by filling two speaking assignments.

Before returning to the College, the painters and Brother Brian Hollis, who has been recalled on a mission to the College, were given an impromptu "Rock'n Roll" send-off party at the Tarawa's home.

To Brother Lyn Amy and Sister Connie Taimana goes our hearty congratulations for obtaining their University Entrances.

We welcome into our branch two new members, Sister Anne Little and Sister George Smith.

Brother Kaimana Paora is in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Work on the chapel is progressing with the landscaping as our largest project.

Sister Kura Palmer has been appointed as our new choir conductor and her efforts are greatly appreciated by those who listen to the choir.

The new officers and teachers for the Y.M.M.I.A. are: Brothers Don Fraser, 1st Counsellor; James Watene, 2nd Counsellor; Errol Palmer, Secretary; Sister Kura Palmer, 1st Counsellor in the Y.W.M.I.A.; Sister Marlene Savage, 2nd Counsellor; Sister Kelly, Secretary; Sister Juanita Tarawa, Junior Gleaner Leader; Sister Rose Heinberg, Speech Director.

That's all for now, folks; see you at Hui Tau!

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L.D.S. COLLEGE

By Peter A. Sloan

The days pass on one by one; then before we realize it we are right into the New Year. Just like you have turned the pages of your T.K., so have the pages on the progress of the College been turned and moulded into Church history.

Temples have been built in many places and are held sacred by Latter-

day Saints, but the Temple which you build seems to hold more for you . . . so it is with the Temple and those who labour here. To see it now means to see a lot of work that has taken place since you last read your T.K. By the time you read this, it will be ready for the roof, which it is thought will be on by Hui Tau. The walls are being rapidly readied for the plaster. In conjunction with this work on the walls is that of the heating ducts. They can be seen all over the place now. Becoming prominent features in the skyline are the boiler house and information bureau, both of which are to serve the Temple.

Hui Tau meetings are to be held in the David O. McKay Building which is growing so fast that you might wonder how it is done. It has been stated that the roof will be on the auditorium by Hui Tau.

A considerable change has taken place. Landscaping is taking place about the project. Hills have been levelled and valleys filled, all making a pleasing sight to behold.

The College now has the largest missionary force it has ever had. We are losing many good men, however, and require many more good men to carry on the work and fill those jobs left by those we miss so much.

The weather has been remarkable, and every day brings sunshine and plenty of work, so all are happy.

Scouting has become very important here as it should be everywhere. An investiture programme was held in the M.I.A. which indeed was a very beautiful ceremony, one long to be remembered by all.

Many people come each week and see and talk about the work here and they always comment on the good work we do, but if it were not for you people in the districts things would soon be hard for us. Our thanks goes out to you for all you do and we ask the Lord's blessings upon you.

Be with us now we pray . . . see you at Hui Tau!

HAURAKI DISTRICT
By Mary Hamon

The Wairoa Branch held their Hui Peka on Sunday, February 10th. The Saints there had put a lot of time and energy into the building of a new hall which, though not quite completed, was used for all the meetings. Throughout the Hui there were some fine speakers who gave spiritual food to the large congregations.

Successful and well attended was the Waihi Hui Peka also. This was on Sunday, February 24th, folowed by a district leadership meeting. We were privileged to have in attendance Elder Briggs, the Mission Sunday School Superintendent, and also Elder Hymas, 1st Counsellor to President Ballif. These Elders gave inspiring addresses and instructions.

A visit by President Ballif and Elder Wages on February 27th to the Thames Branch was a special honour. A testimony meeting was held and some fine testimonies were borne by the small group of Saints gathered at the Chapel headquarters. During this meeting, President Ballif announced the release of Elder David Wood from the position of Hauraki District President, and his transfer to the Manawatu District. Both he and Sister Wood have worked devotedly here, and the Saints throughout the district have grown very fond of them, and are sorry to lose them. Thanks are due to Sister Wood for the great efforts she put into teaching genealogical work and checking individual records throughout the district. Brother Ralph R. Hamon was sustained and set apart as the new District President with Brother Howard Osborne as his 2nd Counsellor and secretary.

During President Ballif's visit to Thames, Brother and Sister Ralph R. Hamon were privileged to have him bless their latest arrival and give her the name of Avis Anne. Present at this blessing were Brother and Sister Hixon Hamon who proudly announced that Avis Anne was their thirty-fourth grandchild. Well done!

"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Elder Hymas of the Mission Presidency and Elder Briggs of the Mission Sunday School left a very big impression upon the members throughout this district, and we are very grateful for their timely visits in February.

Shortly after their tour a very keen muster of district officers and teachers met at Leadership Meeting in Rotorua, February 24th. This was held under the direction of Brother Pera Tengaio and counsellors, Luxford Walker and Pat Rei. The new branches, Taupo and Tokoroa, were very well represented and we were happy to see many friends from Kawerau, Opotiki and Mangakino. An all-out drive to meet our District College Assessment, which is in arrears, will be made before Hui Tau. All branches are urged to boost this drive. As one Sister put it, "Let's all just give one week's pay!"

There are now four neighbourhood and home Sunday Schools established for the benefit of the scattered area members: *Matata* with Brother Ray Gurran in charge; *Whakatane* under the leadership of Brothers Luxford Walker and Arthur Holland of Kawerau; *Opotiki* with Brother Sam Te Hira in charge; *Atiamuri* under the following leadership: Superintendent, Maui Whaanga; First Assistant, Jim Brown; Secretary, TePuea Risetto.

Our four proselyting Elders are doing excellent work, Elders Topham and Pierson rounding off activities at Tokoroa and already spending three to four days at Atiamuri with the likelihood of still moving further south to cover the Taupo area. Elders Bailey and Rasmussen are very active in the Rotorua area and the results of their efforts will shortly come to light.

Births. — To Martha Newman, Mangakino, was born a whopping 11lb. 6oz. son, John Barry, on the 11th February.

To Mere TeMaari, Mangakino, was born Daniel Tamati, who passed away 38 hours after his birth at Hamilton Hospital, Saturday, 23rd February. Our deepest sympathy is extended to this dear Sister and her family in their sad bereavement.

To Amelia Piahana, Rotorua, was born a daughter, March 2nd.

We send health germs to all our members who are in the hospitals, especially Sister TeMaari and all mothers and babies wherever they are. Also to Sister Diana Hapeta, who recently had an operation, and to her children, Jewel and Anthony, in the Rotorua Hospital.

A re-organization of the Rotorua Relief Society took place 3rd March, when the old Presidency under Sister Peti Rei were released with thanks. Following is the new organization: President, Sister Diana Josephs; 1st Counsellor, Clementina Ormsby; 2nd Counsellor, Riripeti Winiata; Secretary, Joy Hansen.

The Rotorua Home M.I.A. officers were re-sustained as follows: President, Hine McLean; 1st Counsellor, Irlene Rei; Secretary, Janet Rogers.

Of special interest to this district is the appointment of Brother Sam TeHira to the office of President of the 8th Elders' Quorum; this position was formerly held by Brother Eddie Paki, who was released to take over the duties of Mangakino Branch President.

Goodbye for now! See you at Hui Tau!

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WAIRAU DISTRICT

By James N. McDonald, Jr.

Greetings to you all and a special hello to our boys at the College.

It seems hard to know where to commence after being off the air for so long. However, we will give the highlights of the last few months and

what we miss, we'll pick up in future reports.

The most important highlight was the visit to Nelson and Grovetown Branches of Elder Hugh B. Brown. Members of the Madsen Branch were unfortunate in not being able to see and hear him, as rough weather stopped all but the good sailors from travelling to Nelson with Brother Rangi Elkington. A tape recording was taken by Brother Pine Ruruku of Elder Brown's speech and we hope that this satisfied those not fortunate enough to see Elder Brown in person. Sister Wetekia Elkington, whose courage is known to many people throughout New Zealand, was one of those at Madsen who was unable to meet Elder Brown at Nelson and this was disappointing both to her and Tumuaki. May she continue to enjoy life and her holidays at her old home.

More and more members of the Elkington and McDonald families have been baptized at Madsen and Grovetown, and converts, Sister Tu Pira and son, Bevan, and Sister Watson, the latter being baptized in Porirua during a holiday in that district.

Congratulations to Joe and Irene Hippolite on the birth of daughter Susan Marie; also to Iwi and Margaret McDonald, twin sons.

District correlation meetings held on the first Saturday each month continue to strengthen the bonds between our scattered branches, and these meetings have usually been held each month in Nelson. However, February we held the meeting at Madsen and everyone enjoyed the day there, especially the Nelson Branch, as they had the Anniversary Day holiday on the Monday and made a week-end holiday with it. Those who went from Blenheim travelled by truck on the new French Pass Road to Deep Bay and hence by launch to Madsen. For the information of the boys at the College, the road is about half a mile from French Pass and the trip from the Pass to Nelson or Blenheim takes 2½ to 3 hours.

At the last correlation meeting at Nelson, Sister Hui Elkington resigned as District Primary Secretary and she was honourably released, but with deep regret by those present. Her place will be hard to fill as she was a good worker and organizer.

Sad news. Brother John and Sister June Hippolite transferred to Waipawa way down South with the Railways Dept. this Easter, so can't make it to Hui Tau.

Brother Cappy Iwi and Sister McDonald and Wendell Hynes were fortunate when they visited the College while at the rowing champs at Lake Karapiro. They took a truck-load of the local rowers out to see the College and the general opinion was, "You have to see it to believe it." Non-members could not get over the volunteer labour part of it.

That's all for now so cheerio until next time.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

Greetings, one and all!

An occasion of much interest was the 21st birthday of Sister Rititia Hawkins of Te Hauke held the 16th February, at her home. The banquet was held in a large marquee on the spacious lawns where friends and relations had gathered to wish and toast her "Many Happy Returns" which indeed it was, when Brother David Hawkins also announced his daughter's engagement to Mr. Christian Millar of Nairobi, South Africa. Hearty congratulations, "Litty," on both attainments!

Correction please, on last month's news regarding Sister Kahu Timu. She has gone back again for one more year at Hukarere College where she is now Head Prefect.

All branches are now busy fulfilling their fruit canning quotas for the College as well as household storerooms.

There have been a few releases made in the district. At our last Leadership meeting, Sister Hana Cotter, Napier, was released as District Primary President and sustained and set apart to this position is Sister Mary Reid

of Korongata with Sister Dave McDonald 2nd Counsellor and Sister Maora Edward as Secretary. To Sister Cotter goes our heartfelt gratitude for her work and help in the Primary.

A few changes were also made in the Te Hauke Branch. Sister Mary Solomon was released as President of the Relief Society. Set apart to this calling is Sister Paku Wairama with Sister Mihi Harris as 2nd Counsellor. In the Primary Sister Paca Nikora was released and Sister Ngaio Hape is the new President with Sister Pearl Walker as 2nd Counsellor and Sister Tarati Kahu as Secretary.

Released from the Sunday School as Counsellor was Brother Charles Solomon and sustained and set apart to this position is Brother Anderson Waretini.

Our many thanks to all those released and added co-operation to the new officers.

A very sad occasion was the drowning of beloved "Bubsy," 2½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Verdon Bartlett of Te Hauke. This wee child set an example of attending Sunday School with his Nanny as the very best could do. "Little Bubsy" stood and "lived by the side of the road and was a friend to man." Many people and children attended his funeral, evidence of the love that was his. Elders Gatherum and Calder were the principle speakers at the service held in the chapel.

Thus saith the Lord, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and *forbid them not*, for of such is the Kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14.)

Our deepest sympathy goes out to this fine couple in their bereavement.

Happily we welcome back into our midst Brother and Sister Ian Dennison and family who have been away in Wellington for a number of years. They will live in Korongata. They will be a great asset as we have heard of his wonderful work in the Wellington Branch and District, especially in connection with Sunday School. And, too, we know his testimony is a living thing!

The newsiest news of this bulletin is the marriage of Sister Eve Purves, Hastings, N.Z., to Elder James H. King, U.S.A., held the 7th March in the Heretaunga Chapel. President Ballif travelled down from Auckland to perform the ceremony. Also Sister Ballif, Maralyn, and Bonnie. Friends and relations came from far and near to this occasion. Elder King has been here on four missions and at different times. We have grown to love him and accept him as our own. Sister Eve looked so beautiful in her full length wedding dress of white embossed satin and veil. Sister Tia Wihongi, Auckland, was Maid of Honour; her dress was pink. Brother Eric Tahu, Heretaunga, acted as best man. At the organ was Sister Lydia Apatu and the "Lord's Prayer" was beautifully sung by Brother James Puriri, Korongata.

Indeed, we toast them and may their happiness be eternal!

A reception was held in the Heretaunga Recreation Hall where many guests had an opportunity to meet the couple and dancing was enjoyed by the young folk.

In Korongata the Firesides are very popular. The programmes are well prepared and presented. Good work, officers!

Our District Elders' Quorum has been painting the chapel residence.

Members of the Heretaunga and other branches went out picking beans, and all their earnings for the day were given over for the chapel project; approximately £70. A wonderful effort!

We welcome home Brother Peter Wairama, Te Hauke, who has been at the College as a "Brickie." We have heard that he was and is a fine worker there. Keep it up, Pete; we know you can. He has been honourably released, but hopes to return there at some future date.

Here we are again. Another Hui Tau! The blessing is indeed yours to attend this Conference. On this sacred spot we will mingle with old familiar faces, families, friends, and neighbours. We will hear words of

great worth. We will drink deep of the Spirit of our Maker, Our Heavenly Father.

Kia ora ra, e hoa ma. Greetings to all our Zion Brothers and Sisters across "Te Moana Nui a Kiwa" at this time of Hui Tau. Our thoughts are of you all as we gather on the "College-Temple" Marae.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Sister Delia Steele

Greetings once again from the Manawatu District. Several eventful things have taken place in this district during the past month and I will endeavour to set them down in the order of their happening.

First and foremost was the sad farewell we gave to Elder and Sister Bott who had laboured in this district for some two years, being resident first in Palmerston North and latterly in Dannevirke. The Palmerston North Branch gave a farewell party for these good people on the 19th of February and some beautiful gifts of love were given. Elder and Sister Bott have gone to labour way down in Invercargill, and I can assure the Saints down in that area that they are well blessed to have such a couple come to them.
All the best down there, Elder and Sister Bott.

Also on the 19th of February there was a very happy event as far as Brother and Sister Alan Craig were concerned, and this was the birth of a lovely baby daughter whom they have named Anne Marie.

On the 22nd of February Palmerston North Branch gave a social which was a very great success, and the Sisters of the Relief Society who provided such an excellent supper are to be highly commended. On behalf of the branch I would like to thank Tamaki Branch for supporting us in the way they did, especially the members of the band, who played for us with zest throughout the night. We are always indebted to these good people for the support they give us, all of which helps to make the night a success. We hope there will be many more nights enjoyed with the same good spirit and fellowship.

Levin at last is in the news—although it is sad news as far as they are concerned. On the 23rd February they bade farewell to Elders Martin and Snow at a party given in honour of the Elders. According to the Elders concerned, it was a very successful affair, and knowing the Maori people and their aptitude for putting on a "spread," I am positive the supper was excellent. Elder Martin is now in Fielding but a short time after being posted to Fielding Elder Snow had an urgent call to go and labour in Napier and we wish this Elder all the best in his new field. Even in the short time he was in Fielding, he made many friends and was well thought of. Elder Alvin Jay Smith of Brigham City, Utah, is now Elder Martin's companion. This Elder, who has only been in New Zealand for three months, was labouring in the Auckland District.

Before I go any further I must report on the fact that the Palmerston North Branch has been enriched with the presence of two Sisters, Sister Patricia Hira, of Opotiki, and Sister Joy Marie Birdwell, who hails from that Sunshine State, California, Monterey, to be exact. Sister Birdwell laboured in the Whangarei District before being transferred to Palmerston North. We all wish these two Sisters well, and even in the time they have been here, which is only a matter of six weeks or so, they have endeared themselves to the members here in this district.

On the 24th of March a correlation meeting was held at Palmerston North and was well attended by officers and teachers from Tamaki and Palmerston North branches. From the remarks of the members who attended these meetings it would appear that they are well worth while and very necessary to ensure the smooth running of the various organizations of branch and district alike.

Since the recent transfer of the missionaries from Levin to Fielding we are happy to report that great strides are being made in the formation of a Home Sunday School in Fielding and district. So far three meetings have been held, the first being held at the home of Brother and Sister Teoka. Sister Teoka, with the help of Mrs. Monariki, Sister Dixon and Sister Simeon, provided kai for those members who attended the meeting. If the members continue to give their support, this Home Sunday School may well be expected to develop into Branch status in the very near future. Under the supervision of the District Presidency, Brother Peter Howell is conducting and teaching the Home Sunday School.

On the 6th of March the Manawatu District welcomed into its midst Elder and Sister Wood who hail from Murray, Utah. Elder and Sister Wood have been in New Zealand for 26 months and they have spent this time labouring in the Waikato and Hauraki Districts. Elder David Wood has taken over the position of Manawatu District President and has asked that the previous counsellors to Elder Bott, that is, Brothers Eric J. Steele and Douglas Strother, retain their positions. We understand that Sister Ada Wood is an experienced genealogy research worker and is anxious to promote this work in the district and we trust that her endeavours may be fruitful, and we also wish Elder Wood all the best in his new position and field of labour.

On the 3rd of March Tamaki and Palmerston North Branches gave the Relief Society programme. All reports show the speakers interesting and the songs pleasing to the ear.

Until next month, cheerio and may the Lord bless you.

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

Did you know that the news from the Taranaki District comes from four different reports and each one seems to have a special name for their locality? I like this one received from New Plymouth which reads: "Greetings from the Paradise Playground."

Believe me, the members in the New Plymouth area are a happy people! Is it because they have surpassed their College-Temple assessment and that they have had an active month in Sunday School? A Junior Sunday School was recently organized with Elder Campbell as co-ordinator and Sister Yvonne Baigent as Teacher. This organization will help the children to develop themselves for their mission here in life. A Junior Sunday School has also been organized in Wanganui and should be a big help to the children here.

The District Leadership meeting for February was held in Manaia and a good meeting it was, too, reports being received from all auxiliaries.

The Manaia Primary held a picnic on Saturday, 2nd February, at Turuturu-Mokai where parents and children had a wonderful day.

Relief Society members are busy preparing for their Sunday night programme and the Manaia members appreciate the help that Sister Ao Elkington is able to give them. I suppose there are quite a number of people who know Brother Jack Prime of Patea. We in this district know him well and appreciate the work he is doing in Patea. He reminds us of our Brother Bob McCarthy who used to gather up the children for meetings; Brother Prime does this, too, for his Sunday School meetings. Elders Gee and Spencer travel to Patea on alternate week-ends to attend these meetings while Sister Shirley Manu comes from Manaia on the other Sundays to help Brother Prime and he is grateful for their help. I hear at times there are about 20 in attendance.

It looks as if M.I.A. is "picking up" in this district. Manaia reports progress; Utiku say they are "going well" and have started work on Maori Culture. Everyone is delighted and say they haven't had so much fun in a long time. Wanganui M.I.A. has been

organized with Brother W. Anderson Y.M. President and Sister Mihi Mohi Y.W. President. Utiku members extend an invitation to anyone travelling through to attend their Sunday School meetings held at 10 a.m.

Wanganui Relief Society meetings commenced on the 5th February and what a wonderful month of meetings we have had. We were pleased to welcome Brother and Sister Berryman and Brother Prime of Patea to our sacrament meeting on the 24th. We were also visited by Brother and Sister Wairoa who had attended the Utiku Sunday School earlier that day.

On February 13th a baptismal service was held at the Central Baths when four converts and two children of the records were baptized. On the 23rd another convert was baptized, so altogether we had seven baptisms in the Wanganui Branch and two in Utiku. These figures speak well for the work the Elders are doing in this district. The members of Utiku have also surpassed the Temple-College assessment and this leaves Manaia and Wanganui to fill theirs. Let us get busy and do just that so that we, too, can support the building of the College and Temple and, in conclusion, I'd like to quote from the New Plymouth report:

"May we realize the importance of this Holy Temple, for only in the House of the Lord can the ordinances be performed to make possible the exaltation of man. Covenant that we will so live to make the journey an upward one. In the words of Cicero: 'He who violates his oath profanes the divinity of faith itself.' May our faith be united that we will not be found unworthy of the oath and covenant we have made with our Father in Heaven."

STATISTICS

Baptisms.—Leonard Cyril Jones and Raymond Sheridan Jones by Elder L. Kaufman; Beverly Eileen Anderson, Rita Lorraine Anderson, Gordon Hextor Anderson, Pai Kaka, Susan Janice O'Brien, Roland Darwin Katene, all baptized by Elder Gee and confirmed by Elder O. P. Pearce and Elder O. K. Spencer; Raima Phillips, baptized by Elder R. Anderson.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

With the approaching of Easter all in the district are looking forward to attending another great Hui Tau, where acquaintances will be renewed and all testimonies strengthened. Assignments have been made through the district of our responsibilities there by our District President and everyone is now ready for action.

With the selection of "TEMPLE HILL" as the main choir anthem to be sung at Hui Tau, an hour has been given to the district and congratulations are certainly due to its composers, Brother Puoho Katene and Sister Vernice Wineera of Porirua.

Seriously ill in Hutt Hospital is little Sister Roberta Walker, daughter of Brother and Sister Robert Walker, who became the victim of a road accident recently and the prayers and faith of the Saints throughout the district are being exercised on her behalf; we pray recovery will be hers.

Reports from Elder Elledge, district senior missionary, in regards to the growth of membership, are promising and very encouraging. The Upper Hutt area has been opened to the work, and tracting this part are Elders Carr and Lewis who both are experiencing success. New converts are being baptized this year at a rate much greater than last year. Within this past three months twenty converts have entered the water, where as only two were baptized this same period last year, so great work is being done by the missionaries here. Recently baptismal services were held at Porirua by them and entering into the Holy waters of baptism were:

Mareko, Matairo and Poko Cummings and Sister Maude Evelyn Prue who were made welcome members of the Hutt Branch, and Sister Colleen

Willoughby and her younger sister, who now take membership in the Wellington Branch.

A farewell greeting is extended to Elder Tew who spent his last happy months labouring in Wellington prior to his return home to Zion. Many thanks are extended to him for his contribution to the growth of the Gospel here.

Hutt Valley, also known as our "Converts' Branch," reports of the organizing of their Genealogical Committee with Brother Charles Piahana as Chairman, and Brothers Robert Walker and Frederick Stevens as counsellors with Sister Joyce Steven as secretary.

Relief Society here is now fully organized with Sister Mary Naylor as President and Sisters Joy Walker, Elizabeth Reynolds and Christina McAuley as counsellors and secretary respectively.

Blessings and names have been given to Rex Jame Treme Mihaere, Lance Howard Tamarangi Mihaere, sons of Brother and Sister Alma Mihaere; Edward Keven Hayes, son of Brother and Sister Hayes; and Patrick Mark and Karen Stratford, children of Brother and Sister Stratford, all of Mangaroa.

On March 9th the marriage took place between Brother Te Maire Daymond and Miss Maureen Butchers. Prior to their great day, pre-wedding parties have kept them busy; an evening was held by the M.I.A. where the presentation of a dinner set was made on behalf of the branch.

Though Gisborne lost, Hutt certainly gained in having Brother and Sister George Tuau and family amongst them, and taking advantage of their music abilities, Brother Tuau is now Branch Choir Director, assisted by Elder R. F. Smith, an accomplished pianist whose talents have been used in all meetings.

On the 10th March the Hutt Branch Conference was held, using the theme of all branch conferences: "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE."

Wellington brings news of their recent appointments. Released as 2nd Counsellor of the Sunday School is Brother Vernon Luff and sustained to this office is Brother John McAlister. Reorganizing of the genealogical committee took place with Brother Sadaraka as Chairman, and Piki McDonald, Kohi Enoka and Emillie Young as Counsellors and Secretary respectively.

A branch farewell was accorded Brother Ian Dennison and family prior to their departure for Hastings where they will take up residence. Brother Ian, who has been most active, will surely be missed by the branch and throughout the district; our best wishes go with them.

Congratulations are extended to Sister Dorothy Coverdale, late of England now of Wellington, and Brother Paul Suapaia on their recent engagement. We welcome Paul's sister, Moana, from Samoa, into the district, making her home in Wellington while attending school.

Wellington Branch Conference date was February 24th, where the youth were given the opportunity of expressing themselves on the theme. Visitors to this conference were Elder Lewis, Mission Presidency counsellor and companion, Elder Bartschi.

Blessings and the names of Desley Gay, daughter of Brother and Sister Thomas Parkes, and Debbie Lee, daugther of Brother and Sister Mick Stinson, were given.

Porirua is busily engaged in fund raising for assessments.

Recent appointments are: Primary President, Sister Waitohi Elkington, with Sisters Elsie Elkington and Karanga Metekingi as counsellors. Also, following the release of Sister Metekingi as Relief Society Secretary, Sister Aneta Wineera has now filled this post. Teachers in the Relief Society are: Theology, Patricia Solomon; Work Mistresses, Wikitoria Whatu and Millie Parata; Literature, Waitohi Elkington; and Social Science, Doris Lang.

A Valentine social evening was held on the 18th February by the M.I.A. During the evening presentations of the district's first Silver Gleaners were made by Branch President Kerehoma Katene to Sisters Vernice Wineera and Kerehi Edmonds. Also selected as "Miss Valentine" of the evening was Sister Vernice Wineera with Lloyd Wills as partner.

A welcome home was given to Brother Gordon Little who recently returned from spending two years in England. Also from the College are Eddie and Myra Wineera who we are very happy to see back from completing their two years' service there and we say to them, "WELCOME HOME."

Congratulations go to Brother and Sister Ken Arthur on the birth of their son.

A welcome visitor who everyone is happy to see around is President Ballif who, with Elders Hays and Davidson and Brother and Sister Mason, attended on February 24th our sacrament service, after having journeyed across from attending the Wairarapa Hui Pariha.

The Branch conference was held on the 3rd March where all organizations conducted their meetings and much wisdom and knowledge was gained from them all. It's always a pleasure to listen to sermons preached through music, and helping to uplift the conference spirit in this way was the wonderful contribution of the golden voice of Brother Mark Metekingi.

A most beautiful, outstanding, inspiring and impressionable programme was presented by the Relief Society Sisters, using the theme "WHY BUILD TEMPLES?" Keeping ever so close to the theme, talks and choruses were given by the Sisters, and one fully realized the importance of Temples. Everyone who attended was given the book "WHY MORMONS BUILD TEMPLES" with programmes and all felt uplifted at having attended such a wonderful service, which brought an end to the branch conference.

The enagagement is announced between Brother Maahu Wineera to Miss Lois Minett of Christchurch, and our congratulations are extended to them.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

By Judy Hutson

Christchurch Branch: Meetings held at 75 Gloucester Street. Phone 65-625 (Elders).

February was a very quiet month in Christchurch. We have resumed our normal M.I.A. and the attendance there seems to be improving.

We are happy to see the number of investigators and members attending our Sacrament meetings. Soon our new room will be too small for us.

Our first Sunday in March we welcomed three new members into the Church through the waters of baptism.

Early in February we had a visit from Sister Ellen Cosgrove from Dunedin wh ospent 10 days with us. Also from Dunedin we have Sister Dalzell who is spending a few months here.

We wish to congratulate Sister Muriel Brice on the birth of her son.

STATISTICS

..Births.—On March 9th to Sister Muriel Brice, a son.

Baptisms.—Sarah Elizabeth Smith, baptised and confirmed by Elder James E. Rice.

Pauline Leone Lash, baptised and confirmed by Elder A. D. Vernon.

Alan Stephen Lash, baptised and confirmed by Elder H. N. Reed.

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

Now that the Hui Pariha is over, thoughts turn to Hui Tau. The Hui Pariha was quite successful, being held in beautiful summer weather, quite in contrast with the following week-end when floods were again the order of the day.

Two more members were added to the 4th Quorum of Elders, Brothers Wharepapa Paratene and Tom Mur-

ray. Several additions of advancements were made in the Aaronic Priesthood. Two new changes were made in the District M.I.A. organization. Sister Adelaide Anaru is now Speech Director and Brother Rangi Kiro, Athletic Director.

Within the last month the Hikurangi Town Board have put on two concerts in their new hall and each time they have called on the Hikurangi M.I.A. to contribute to the programme.

Last week-end about twenty men from the district travelled by private car and the College School bus to Hamilton to spend a week in helping to pour concrete for the David O. McKay Building.

After a very long period in hospital, Brother Horace Pita of the Punaruku Branch passed away on March 8th. Our sincere condolences are offered to his family.

Since the Hui Pariha, Brother Hay has been spending time between our district and the Bay of Islands meeting the people of the branches and forming family organizations.

See you at Hui Tau. Until then, Kia Kaha.

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KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Elder Arvin J. Lords

Hello, T.K. readers!

The ranks of the proselyting Elders have been changed for the first time this year in the King Country. Elder William G. Buss has changed the buzzing of the saws for the noise of the streets in the Auckland District, where he will carry on the work that he has been doing. May God bless him in his work there. Taking his place in the sawmill is Elder G. R. McCulloch who comes to us from Auckland where he spent the previous month.

We have had an active time in the King Country this past month. There have been two baptismal services, one in Pureora where two were baptized in the flooding waters of the Old Mill Stream on the 10th of March. We say congratulations to those people that took the step of baptism. May the Lord bless you at all times in your struggles to keep His commandments.

Sister Joy Burt left Te Kuiti for work in another town; she is working on the railway. We wish you well, Sister!

We are glad to hear that the Te Kuiti Sunday School is increasing.

Sister Gibling has taken a trip to Auckland to visit her mother who is very ill. Our deepest sympathy goes to all of the close relatives, and we pray that God will bless her and return her to good health and strength soon.

The M.I.A. of the Pureora Branch has changed its gathering place from Pureora to Maraeroa, where they are having an enjoyable evening each Mutual night.

The Priesthood of the Pureora, Te Kuiti and Otorohanga areas are trying to earn money for the budget through a fencing project, so they should be excellent fencers before too long.

Until next month, cheerio.

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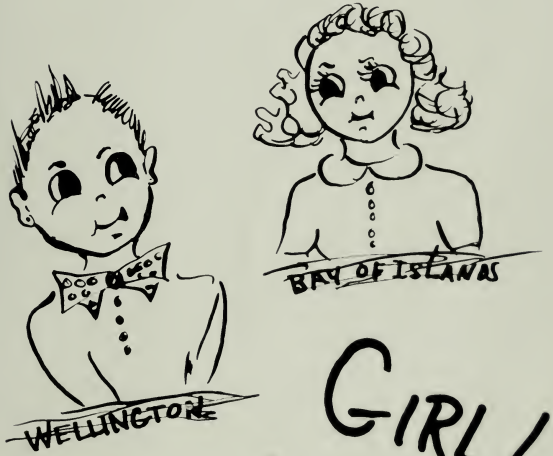

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

LIKE the Master, our Prophet, David O. McKay, is a great teacher. You, who are called to labour as teachers, listen to a Prophet's voice. From the May issue of the *M.I.A. Stake Leader* the following has been taken:

"THAT YOU MAY INSTRUCT MORE PERFECTLY," by President David O. McKay. "We are a Church of teachers. In the Latter-day Saint home the father and mother are required to be teachers of the word—expressly required so by the revelation of the Lord. Every auxiliary organization, every quorum is made up of a body of men and women or of men who are in the ultimate sense of the word, teachers; therefore this revelation refers to all.

"The great obligation upon a teacher is to be prepared to teach. A teacher cannot teach others that which he himself does not know. He cannot make his students feel what he does not feel himself. He cannot attempt to lead a young man or young woman to obtain a testimony of the Gospel of God if the teacher does not have that testimony himself or herself.

"There are three things which must guide all teachers: first, get into the subject; second, get that subject into you; third, try to lead your pupils to get the subject into them—not pouring it into them, but leading them to see what you see, to know what you know, to feel what you feel.

"Every teacher must be prepared on his or her lesson when he or she meets those boys and girls of the class; for, mind you, your presentation of that lesson, your attitude toward the truth in that lesson will largely determine the boys' and girls' attitude toward Church activity in general. If you turn them away after class with the feeling in their youthful hearts that they have received nothing by coming, you will find difficulty in getting them to come back the following week. But on the other hand, if you have thrilled them, or if unable to do that, if you have given them one thought which has appealed to them, you will find that their intention and desire to return will be manifest by their presence one week later.

"Simply reading the lesson manual before time is not enough. In so doing I have not yet made that lesson mine, and until it is mine, until I feel that I have a message to give to my class members, I am not prepared as the Lord has asked me to prepare when He calls upon me to give His word. It must be mine; what I want to give to the boys and girls is what will count when I meet them. I can make that lesson in a manual mine by study, faith, and prayer.

"Teachers, do you realize what possibilities you have? Somewhere I have written down these possibilities that teachers should realize always, that they probably have it within their power to awaken in some heart or perhaps in many hearts:

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Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

DID you ever discover anything new? Discovering things is part of progression and eternal progression is a basic Mormon concept. Renowned are the men and women who have set out on scientific research expeditions and discovered new things. Many books have been written about the exploits of early-day explorers of continents. Who has not thrilled to the accounts of Columbus discovering America, or the story of the first Polynesians who crossed the great moana and discovered New Zealand? All these tales have been endowed with courage and vast fortitude. We have admired such daring souls and envied their exciting lives. One's own existence seems dull, indeed, compared to their experiences. How can endlessly cleaning one's house, cooking meals three times daily for hungry mouths to swallow with gulping speed, washing dishes inspire one to make discoveries? The world's progress has been attributed to the adventurous persons who have gone beyond the bounds of the known. But what is there for ordinary persons to discover?

One can discover new things in one's own home. For the learner, the new thing is new to him, however old it be to another. Undoubtedly, parents have, for ages, known that babies cut teeth, but when we first discerned that our oldest had a front tooth through his bottom gum we were tremendously excited. We told the neighbours and relatives and examined it hourly. People have read the Bible for thousands of years, but when I first found out that Jesus called Herod a "fox," I laughed to myself, for I had discovered that He had a sense of humour. (Luke 13:32.) Some of my Maori friends have been acquainted with pohutukawa trees since they were born, but when I saw their gnarled roots and spiked flowers I was enchanted, for I had discovered new beauty.

There was once an ancient philosopher who had resigned from life because, he declared, he wasn't seeing or learning anything new. Then one day, in lighting a fire, he saw a servant rake out a coal from the hearth and with a swift stroke, pick it up and shift it rapidly from one hand to the other while transporting it to the place desired. "Why, you've taught me something new," the philosopher exclaimed. "How to carry a live coal." And he took to discovering again—and lived happily ever after.

"I have no idea," wrote Mr. Frank Dobie[1], "who first magnetized iron, but I doubt if the accomplishment gave him more of a thrill than a magnet gave me and my brothers and sisters while we were children. The Odyssey and the Iliad were 2000 years old and Chapman's translation 200 years old when Keats first read it and exclaimed:

"Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken."

Discovering something new is an exhilarating experience. Why not try it today, wherever you are? You need not go on a long voyage. You need not be a part of a research expedition. Just open your eyes and perception to the things and people around you. The thrill of discovery can be found in a new way to bake a cake, a better method of cleaning the house, or washing the dishes. Today is the day to discover some new thing. It is the day to discover a happier way of life. Let us be at it and live happy ever after.

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[1]J. Frank Doble, "*The Art of Discovery*," *Vogue*, March 1, 1953.

Editorial . . .

"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE LAURELS OF MOTHERHOOD?"

EACH year thousands pay tribute to the virtues of woman and witness the results of her training. They testify that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." (W. M. Wallace.) Men such as Joseph F. Smith, who have become famous through their contributions to humanity's welfare, testify that their genius bore fruit because of the seeds sown and nutured by their Mothers. Many of the greatest qualities known are recognized attributes of women.

And "God so loved the world . . . " that He trusted His Son to be born to woman and allowed her the privilege of nuturing Him in mortality . . . and to her that Son paid respect, devotion, and obedience.

Does bearing a child make you a "Mother? Does it endow you with the attributes of a *real* Mother? Or does the learning to love unselfishly, the placing of self second, the going beyond duty in service, the learning to teach by virtue and righteousness of example, the humble use of that love given a Mother, and the wise moulding of that character placed in her trust truly instill within her the rightful reward of that blessed title "Mother." It is a title to be earned every day of one's life, a title not easily won, but a worthy goal which *can* be attained by every woman who shall grace the face of the earth.

A woman's duty is to be a Mother to every child who comes within the realm of her influence. Her duty is to be kind, just, tolerant, unselfish, to chastize in love and devotion, and to be appreciative of those life-bearing privileges which God has given her. She is to be a Priestess unto her husband and a guardian angel to her children. She is to be clean and pure . . . physically and mentally and provide that same inheritance for her children. She is to teach by the grace of God and to live as a servant of heaven.

Her endowments are great . . . her responsibility greater. Within the brief time allowed, she must prepare for her duties, and instill in each child she has the qualities of Godhood.

Are you a *Mother?* —K.S.B.

Highlights of the 1957 Hui Tau

THE Annual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Zealand was held at the L.D.S. College in Frankton from April 18th to April 22nd. The Conference attracted a crowd of over 4,000 people and many visitors were also found on the campus during this religious assembly.

Presided over by President Ariel S. Ballif, the activities commenced with a reception held on Thursday evening in the David O. McKay Building for the various mission boards and all members. Following the reception was an evening of dancing conducted by the M.I.A.

The facilities of the College were used to accommodate the large crowds, and each morning's activities began with the trumpeters and choir from one of four regions singing sacred choral numbers from the top of Temple Hill. The music was broadcast throughout the camp at 6:00 a.m. The choirs also presented music in the five general sessions which were held in the David O. McKay Building (all meetings were held either there or in the Matthew Cowley Building). On Sunday evening a special concert of sacred music was presented by the combined choirs of over 400 people. The beautiful music rendered at Hui Tau has always added greatly to the spiritual quality of the meetings, and those who participated in this phase of service are to be highly commended on their efforts. Of especial meaning to the people were those songs composed by Sister Vernice Wineera and Brother Te Puoho Katene, and by Brother and Sister Walter Smith, pertaining to the New Zealand Temple now being erected.

Four and five-hour meetings were held by the Mission Boards of the M.I.A., Primary, Genealogy, Relief Society and Sunday School. Each used excellent visual aids in showing their members what can be done in effective teaching and stimulation of interest. The Relief Society effectively showed the benefits of activity in Relief Society and instilled within the women a desire to use well this opportunity for development. The Genealogy department cleverly showed in dialogue the blessings to be achieved in "Family Organization" as well as giving "know how" in the use of Family Group Sheets and other materials. Attention was focused on the development of special group sheets to be sent to non-members in obtaining necessary information.

The first two general sessions were held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Speakers were chosen mainly from the proselyting missionaries, and the inspiring talks centred mainly around the need of a testimony, and the proselyting done by members as they live the gospel principles.

Music Leadership was held Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon the third general session, conducted by Elder George R. Biesinger, superintendent of construction in New Zealand, was centred around the Temple-College project at Frankton. The buildings in which we met were excellent examples of the progress made since last year, and speakers were Brother Sydney Crawford, Personnel Director at the College, and Sister E. Brown from Mahia and Brother Jim Southon from Hastings. Each showed the importance of the financial support being given by the districts, and excellent ideas were put forth in suggestings "workable" ways of meeting the monthly financial quotas for the districts. Music for this session was furnished by the College Choir.

Each evening provided an excellent programme. Friday night approximately 70 young children participated in the Primary programme, and the talks given by the little ones as well as by their leaders were an inspiration and an excellent example for those who witnessed the performance. Immediately afterwards, the M.I.A. presented the Maori Culture Programme which provided much enjoyment and a greater appreciation of the Maori arts for those present.

Saturday night the audience was again thrilled with the yearly performance of the M.A.C. Old Boys. With Sister Arta Ballif as commentator, they carried us back through the years and then forward with the advancement of the educational opportunities now being given our people. And delightfully adding to memories were the performances of the M.A.C. Old Boys' progenitors with action songs, hakas, and hulas. Of particular interest was the performance of the little "Zionites" and the Zion Sisters as they displayed their love of Maori culture in song and dance.

Easter Sunday began with 890 Priesthood members assembling for instruction while 520 women under the direction of the Relief Society assembled for a beautiful programme concerning the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as recorded in the *Book of Mormon*.

Those who spoke in the General Sessions on Easter Sunday stressed the importance of and responsibility which comes to us as a result of the resurrection. The speakers tried to "awaken us" to the obligations we have as members and Priesthood holders.

During the five days of Hui Tau, ample opportunity was provided for our young people to get to know each other. The M.I.A. sponsored games and dancing and other activities which were for the young people, and the climax to their "Boy Meets Girl" programme was the Sunday Night meeting, "Courtship and Marriage," with President and Sister Ballif as main speakers.

On Monday the M.I.A. conducted a sports programme for the young people with races, volley ball, and football. The highlight of the social programme was the Gold and Green Ball held in the McKay Building on Monday night. Approximately 1,286 people attended. The floorshow consisted of couples from many of the districts participating in demonstrational dances during the intermission.

Highlighting the spiritual activity was the eight-hour missionary meeting held on Monday. One hundred and forty-two missionaries bore their testimonies to the divinity of Christ and the work in which they are engaged.

Both missionaries and members of the Church left Hui Tau with a greater understanding of the responsibility of membership in the Church of Jesus Christ, a greater awareness of our blessings, and a greater desire to live in accordance with the teachings and commandments of Jesus Christ.

To those who provided these opportunities to learn and the necessities of life for us while we were there, we say THANK YOU. We invoke the Lord's choicest blessings upon you for the willingness and quality of your service, and the example you set for us. Haere Ra until next year.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

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The first and best victory is to conquer self; to be conquered by self is of all things the most shameful and vile. —Plato

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Why I Became a Latter-day Saint

By SISTER MIHI EDWARDS

ISN'T that rose beautiful? Oh, look at that sweet little bird trying to fly? Can you hear the twitter of the brown locusts and black crickets? Look over there at that majestic tree with its strong branches and swaying leaves and the poor willow tree shedding tears of beauty! How gracious and yet serene does the booklet shed its veil of blues and greens! And the exquisite sunset as it paints a picture of loveliness with its soft hues and colour! Oh, what a beautiful, wonderful panorama of colour and beauty does nature's artist paint with his palette brush!

Don't you see these things as I see them?

Would you like to wander up this beautiful road with me? Let me hold your hand and together you will see the things I saw in my path of adventure, ambition, conquest and love . . . which became my path to happiness.

In my path of adventure I see how the very chore of nature has inspired me to seek something I dearly want and yet did not know what it was. What is it? Is it a trip to Rome? Money? No! What I want is security! . . . Companionship! . . . Love! And with that inspiration of life I became married to a man whom I love very much. Marriage! . . . An eternal and everlasting happiness. Was this enough? In love stories and novels they say it is. We had children, security, religion. But in my path of life that wasn't enough. Why? I was a staunch Catholic; he was a Latter-day Saint or Mormon as I understood. Mormon! What an odd name! Where did it come from? What did it mean? Better not go into it too far because my religion did not advocate studying any other religion, neither attending any other religious meeting. But still my brain was prying.

"Would you like to go to the College in Hamilton?"

"Me?"

"Yes. You'd have a fine home and free food."

"What about money?"

"You'd get £1 a week."

"Is that all?"

"But think of the eternal joy and blessing gained from fulfilling a mission, working for the Lord."

"Oh, yes, that's all right if your heart is in it."

"There are a lot of other non-members working there. I'm sure you'll understand if you would only go and see for yourself."

"Well, I'll talk it over with my husband. Goodbye, Elder Hancock."

"Goodbye."

"What a big place this L.D.S. College is!"

"What well-dressed, clean cut Maori boys they have here!"

"Aren't the ladies kind and generous?"

"What an odd doctrine they teach."

"Where did the Mormons get their priesthood authority?"

"Who is this Joseph Smith?"

"Polygamy! Plural marriage? What a doctrine!"

"Oh, dear, how confused I am! I think I'll go to study class and see what they do there."

(What an adventure I'm having! Come on, my friends; we turn left here and we arrive at ambition street.)

"Questions! . . . Questions! . . . Books! . . . Books! . . . . . The Book of Mormon! . . . Catholicism! . . . The Book of Mormon! . . . Catholicism! . . . True or false! . . . Oh, dear! . . . That fellow Maurie Pearson. He's a good guy: lovely wife and family. He was a Catholic before he turned Mormon; he'll help me."

"What made you accept the Mormon Church, Maurie?"

"Well, Mihi, I was like you; doubtful, confused, but with prayer and study I found that its teachings had true significance, logical statements, proof and satisfactory emotion upon the soul.

"After that, I decided that since both Churches claimed truthfulness, it was better to study and compare. So with prayer and ambition I ventured to do so.

"I found that my version of the Godhead differed from the Mormon belief. The Catholic belief is that God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Ghost were one God, but three personages; however, this was a mystery and not permissible for any Catholic to pry into but to accept. A Catholic believes that God is an infinite spirit, without body, parts, or passions.

"Mormons believe that God has a body, parts and passions. The Bible proof is found in Genesis 1:26-27:

"'*So God created man in His own image,* in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.'"

With many other proofs and comparisons concerning my destiny I was satisfied. One beautiful message I received was that through the sacred work of genealogy and vicarious work for the dead, I would be able to be reunited with my dear Mother and family who have passed on. How I miss them so! It was my Mother's inspiration in her glorified state that intrigued me on a cool September day in 1955, that I, filled with the inspiration of love and desire, with mind eradicated from doubt and confusion, with heart and soul joyous that my darling husband, bestowed with the power and authority invested in him, would baptise me, Mihi Kui Edwards, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

My dear friend, we have just passed Conquest Street and are now entering the most beautiful street of all; it has majestic strong trees with sweet-smelling blossoms and an avenue of multi-coloured flowers and they all nod with affection and love. For this is Love Street. And in this street I found my destiny and testimony of the Gospel of Love. In this street a path led me to a monstrous building construction which is literally "a marvellous work and a wonder," within whose walls I pay tribute to the College folk who offered me their love and prayers. Thank you for your testimonies, the trials, the sorrow that you shared with me. You are my constant guide, my counsellor, my mother and in my own words I would like to give you this attribute:

"My Pathway to Destiny"

Ten years ago my mother left my side
To fulfil the laws of purpose of God's Holy will.
Those years of parting have been lonely and tired.
Dear Mother! I wish you were here with me still.
Many a time have I asked the question why?
"Dear Lord, Why did you take the one I love so dear?"
A little tiny voice whispered, "Her time is nigh,
And in a little while, oh, so little while, her voice you will hear."
Ere the years passed by and once while sleeping in the still of the night
A glowing light was enveloped around my mother dear
Ascending up the dark passage and her face so bright,
Her hand outstretched, she said, "Come closer, dear; come closer, dear."
Persevering with every step to the one whom I loved and admired,
I came before her presence with heart rekindled with desire.
But, oh, to be disappointed for I could not reach her side.
Pondering over my dream I found that I could not be with her,

For I was here on earth and she was in paradise;
With this inspiration in my heart and soul,
I realized the truthfulness of the Gospel.
And so with fervent prayer and sincere study and advice,
Into this Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints I was baptized.
How happy I am to know that the sacred genealogy work
Can reunite me and my darling mother so close and near.
For you, my brothers and sisters, are the ones who did not shirk
To help another soul, my soul to the water's edge
So beautiful and so clear.
Amen.

And to you, my dearest friend, maybe you have a path of life with adventure, ambition, conquest and love. Then take a friendly hand and walk along my beautiful path of destiny.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE (Continued from Page 151)

"First, the desire to achieve mastery over weak and selfish indulgence.

"Second, the power to prepare one to face a life with courage to meet disaster with fortitude, and to face death without fear.

"Third, to develop virile manhood, beautiful womanhood. Oh, how the world needs them!

"Fourth, to implant within many souls at least the promise of a friend in each, or a companion who later may be fit for a husband or wife, who will be fit to be an exemplary father or a loving, intelligent mother. That is your privilege, teacher.

"And fifth, to awaken love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Obedience to it brings happiness in this life and salvation and possible exaltation throughout eternity."

Hui Parihas - 1957-58

FIRST ROUND

May 12th—Wairau
May 19th—Bay of Plenty
May 26th—Poverty Bay
June 2nd—Otago
June 16th—Auckland
June 23rd—King Country
June 30th—Waikato.
July 7th—Hauraki
July 14th—Bay of Islands
July 21st—Wellington
August 4th—Hawkes Bay.
August 11th—Whangarei
August 18th—Mahia
August 25th—Taranaki
September 8th—Manawatu
September 15th—Wairarapa

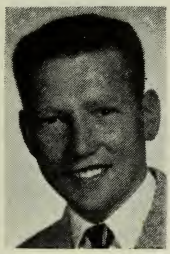
The programme for the first round of Hui Parihas will begin with the meeting on Saturday evening with the Elders' Quorum members and their wives. To this will be invited all Senior Aaronic Priesthood members and their wives. Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. a meeting of the District Presidencies and Branches Presidencies; 9:00 a.m. Priesthood Meeting and Relief Society; 10:00 a.m. First General Session; 12:00 a.m. a Surprise Meeting for all officers and teachers; 2:00 p.m. Second General Session. Special invitation to every member of the Church in the District is extended by the Mission President.

ARIEL S. BALLIF,
Mission President.

Here and There in the Mission

The "Orsova" landed in Auckland on March 1st, 1957, with six new missionaries for the New Zealand Mission.

ELDER MAX WILLIAM ROBINETTE comes to us from Brigham



Elder Robinette

City, Utah. For the last year he has been attending the Utah State Agricultural College. Within the realm of Church activity, Elder Robinette has been the Secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A.

Sister Davis

and Elders' Quorum, President of the Deacons' and Teachers' Quorums, Secretary of the Priests' Quorum and he was active in Scouting and an ardent fan in baseball. It was his desire to be called to the New Zealand Mission. Many years ago some of his people emigrated here from Germany, and his grandmother was born in Mangapai. Elder Robinette is companion to Elder Gary Sheffield in the Hauraki District.

SISTER VERNA MONTEZ DAVIS, of Spokane, Washington, has been working for the past 2½ years at the Spokane Credit Bureau. Her activity in Church work has included positions as Stake Fireside President, M.I.A. and Junior Sunday School Teacher, Chairman of the activities

Sister Emmett

for Golden Gleaner week, Chorister in Sunday School, and one year as a Stake Missionary with special assignment on the servicemen's committee. Sister Davis' grandfather, Edward Newby, served two missions here about 60 years ago in the Hawkes Bay and Wellington Districts. Sister Davis requested the New Zealand Mission and she is now labouring in the Auckland District with Sister Janice Garrett as companion.

Another new missionary who previously had relatives here is SISTER NINA J. EMMETT, of Lovell, Wyoming. Approximately 50 years ago, her uncle, Charlie Despain, filled a mission here; his wife, Elsie Fryer Despain, is originally from New Zealand. For the past seven years Sister

Emmett has been a telephone operator and she has been teaching in the Junior Sunday School and M.I.A.; she was also secretary of the latter. Sister Emmett, who is labouring in the Auckland District with Sister Velyn Cook, is happy to be here.

Familiar with many of the Maori customs after having been a member of the Kia Ora Club at Brigham Young University for the past two years where he has been studying maths and physics, is ELDER DONALD WAYNE REED, from Denver, Colorado, who requested the New Zealand Mission. Elder Reed, an active sports fan, also held many positions of leadership in the Ward activities. He has been secretary of the Teachers', Priests', and Elders' Quorums and the Y.M.M.I.A. where he also taught, and just previous to his mission call, he was the editor of the Ward paper. He is now labouring in the Auckland District with Elder Sharon S. Hilton as companion.

Elder Reed

After having listened to praises of New Zealand from Elders Guy Christensen and Jack Simmons, ELDER GEORGE THOMAS BLANCH, Jr., of Logan, Utah, requested the New Zealand Mission when receiving his mission call. Elder Blanch has been attending the Utah State Agricultural College for a little over two years with pre-medicine studies. Within the Church he has been secretary of the M.I.A., Teacher in both his Teachers' and Priests' Quorums, and a Ward Teacher. He also played on the Church Baseball and Tennis teams. Elder Blanch is now labouring in the Hauraki District as companion to Elder D. Boyd Green.

Also on the "Orsova" was ELDER ARLO DEAN BEHUNIN, of Fremont, Utah. Elder Behunin spent one year at Snow College studying Mech-

Elder Behunin

anical Engineering. He also was active in Church sports and Scouting. Other activities included positions as President of the Deacons' Quorum, Counsellor in the Teachers' Quorum, Secretary of the Priests' Quorum, and Secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A. Elder Behunin is happy to be with us. He is now labouring in the Auckland District with Elder Paul D. Halverson as companion.

To each of these new missionaries we say, "We are happy to have you with us, and we pray that you will work hard enough to make your mission overflow with rich, spiritual experiences."

After having honourably filled a second mission to New Zealand, ELDER ARTHUR L. ELLEDGE sailed from Wellington on the 25th of March for home, La Puenpe, California. Elder Elledge was first here from 1916 to 1920; he laboured in the Bay of Islands District at a time that the Maori language was used almost entirely. This time he spent 18 months in the Wellington District where only English is used. For 10 of the 18

months, Elder Elledge was supervising elder, and he has enjoyed the opportunity of watching the branches grow. He feels that the increase in converts is due to others seeing the Gospel effect in the lives of our people, and that this is especially true with the young people. He hopes that the Saints will "realize the related importance of both them and the Elders living the Gospel in the success of the missionaries," and that they will then adjust their living to the principles of the Gospel. "Every man is his brother's keeper." Elder Elledge is returning to his wife and a family of lovely daughters; he will continue in the real estate profession.

Elder Elledge

ELDER DEAN L. TEW, of Springville, Utah, accompanied Elder Elledge in his journey home. Before coming to New Zealand, Elder Tew attended Brigham Young University for one year and then continued farming. On returning home it is his desire to go into the building business with his brother and assist in sending another brother on a mission. Elder Tew laboured in the Bay of Plenty for two months after a three-week work assignment at the College, in the Manawatu district for 8½ months, in the Wairarapa district for 11½ months, and in the Wellington district for 3 months. While in Levin, he also taught in the Sunday School, and in the M.I.A. in Masterton where he was the Masterton Branch President for 9½ months. He feels that his mission has been a broadening experience in which his testimony has truly been strengthened, and his life greatly enriched by the many kindnesses shown him by the gracious people of New Zealand. It is his desire to have us realize that though we possess traits giving us the love of our friends, one of the most devastating effects upon teaching the Gospel is the results of laxity in living the Gospel among our members and leaders. He also wants us to "try and realize the importance of living the Gospel in relation to your own happiness. Wickedness never was happiness. Study and learn more about the Gospel; learn to appreciate that testimony which you have."

Elder Tew

We wish these two fine men "God speed" on their journeys, and happiness in their future lives.

MISSION TRANSFERS . . .

ELDER LEROY J. BOTT and SISTER DELMA F. BOTT from Manawatu District to Otago District.

ELDER DAVID H. WOOD and SISTER ADA M. WOOD from Hauraki District to Manawatu District.

ELDER JEROLD N. JOHNSON from Wellington District and ELDER LARAY FRANDSEN from Auckland District to labour as companions in the Hauraki District.

Priesthood Page

PRIESTHOOD AND ELDERS

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

THE articles on the "Melchizedek Priesthood Page" of the last seven issues of the *Te Karere* have stressed the importance of the keeping of God's commandments by those who are candidates for the Melchizedek Priesthood and also by those who are bearers of that Priesthood. Bishoprics throughout the Church were urged to work diligently and faithfully with boys and men who hold the Aaronic Priesthood in their efforts to prepare them for the reception of "The Holy Priesthood after the Order of the Son of God." (D. & C. 107:3.) And again, stake presidencies were urged to ordain to the Melchizedek Priesthood only those brethren who have qualified themselves for this great blessing by keeping God's commandments.

Certainly it is not only desirable but the purpose of the Church in the latter days to make the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood available to every male member; but since that priesthood is so sacred and of such great value in preparing its holders for exaltation, only those who would profit by its gifts and show a willingness to magnify their callings should have it bestowed upon them.

Those men who hold the Aaronic Priesthood but have not qualified for the Melchizedek Priesthood by keeping God's commandments should be worked with continuously by those in positions of leadership with the hope of preparing them for the marvellous blessings of the higher priesthood.

ONE PRIESTHOOD ONLY

First—One Priesthood:

There is one priesthood only in the heavens and on the earth: and that priesthood is "The Holy Priesthood after the Order of the Son of God"; or as it is more commonly known today, the Melchizedek Priesthood. It is the power of the Eternal Father, operating through His Only Begotten Son, by which all of the works of righteousness are performed in the heavens and throughout the Church and kingdom of God here on the earth. It is by this authority alone that men speak and act in the name of the Saviour for the salvation of the human family. In modern revelation the Lord proclaimed the eternal nature of the priesthood, stating:

"Which priesthood continueth in the Church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days or end of years." (D. & C. 84:17.)

A similar declaration was made in Hebrews (Inspired Version), in speaking of Melchizedek's ordination. To quote:

"For this Melchisedec was ordained a priest after the Order of the Son of God, which order was without father, without mother, with descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life. And all those who are ordained unto this priesthood are made like unto the Son of God, abiding a priest continually." (Hebrews 7:3, Inspired Version.)

Second—Aaronic Priesthood, an Appendage of the Melchizedek Priesthood:

Both the Bible and the Doctrine and Covenants speak of two priesthoods in the Church, namely, "The Melchizedek and Aaronic, including the Levitical Priesthood." (D. & C. 107:1.) In reality they do not constitute two separate priesthoods but only one, since all of the authority and power

of God is resident in the Melchizedek Priesthood, and the Aaronic is an appendage to that higher priesthood. Thus we are informed that these two divisions or grand heads—Melchizedek and Aaronic or Levitical Priesthood—are not separate but coherent parts. (D. & C. 107:1-6.) The duties and authorities of each touch and unite in their workings and thereby become the means to forward God's purposes as contained in His great plan of salvation. The Prophet Joseph Smith has made this clear in the following quotation:

"There are two Priesthoods spoken of in the Scriptures, viz., the Melchizedek and the Aaronic or Levitical. Although there are two Priesthoods, yet the Melchizedek Priesthood comprehends the Aaronic or Levitical Priesthood, and is the grand head, and holds the highest authority which pertains to the Priesthood, and the keys of the Kingdom of God in all ages of the world to the latest posterity on the earth; and is the channel through which all knowledge, doctrine, the plan of salvation and every important matter is revealed from Heaven."

(*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith,* pp. 166-167.)

MAY—AARONIC PRIESTHOOD MONTH

THE 19th of May has been declared as the day of the celebration of the 128th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. Although May 15, 1829, was the day this priesthood was restored, it is important that a day be set aside to commemorate this event and to carry the message of restoration and also the value of the message to the members as a whole. To accomplish this a special Sacrament Meeting is being prepared by each branch presidency in honour of this occasion.

The following is the suggested programme to be carried out in the branches throughout the Mission on Sunday, the 19th May. (Except in case of Hui Pariha.)

THEME: "The Priesthood contributes to a richer life."

1. Opening song—"We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Congregation.

2. Invocation—By a member of the Aaronic Priesthood under 21.

3. Sacrament song—Sacrament to be administred by members of the Aaronic Priesthood.

4. Reading of the account of the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood as recorded by the Prophet in the "Pearl of Great Price," Joseph Smith 2:67-74.

5. Talk—"I Am Respected by My Associates When I Honour My Priesthood." (Deacon under 21, 5 minutes.)

6. Talk—"By Bearing the Priesthood I Am Given Many Opportunities for Service." (Teacher under 21, 5 minutes.)

7. Talk—"The Priesthood Contributes to My Happiness by Providing Me with Fine Associations and Worthy Objectives." (Priest under 21, 5 minutes.)

8. Talk—"My Activity in the Priesthood Has Contributed Greatly to Happiness in Our Home." (Senior Member of Aaronic Priesthood, 8 minutes.)

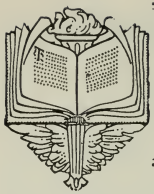
9. Song by Aaronic Priesthood Group—"Come All Ye Sons of God."

10. Talk—"Our Son's Activity in the Aaronic Priesthood Has Been a Source of Joy to Us." (By a Mother, 8 minutes.)

11. Talk—"My Work With the Men and Boys Who Hold the Aaronic Priesthood Has Contributed to the Richness of My Life." (President of Branch.)

12. Closing song—"Love at Home," by Congregation or Aaronic Priesthood Group.

13. Closing Prayer, by Senior Member of the Aaronic Priesthood.



Sunday School

GREATER love hath no man, than to give his life for a friend. And where do I find that love most manifest? In my Mother, dear.

"She carried me under her heart, she loved me before I was born. She took God's hand in hers and walked through the valley of shadows that I might live. She bathed me when was helpless. She clothed me when I was naked. She rocked me to sleep when I was weary. She pillowed me on pillows softer than down, and sang to me in the voice of an angel. She held my hand when I learned to walk, she nursed me when I was sick. She suffered with my sorrow, she laughed with my joy. She glowed with my triumph, she taught me to pray. Through all the days of my youth she gave me strength for my weakness, courage for my despair, and hope to fill my hopeless heart. She was my friend when other friends were gone. She prayed for me throughout all the days when I was flooded with sunshine or saddened with shadows. Tho we lay down our lives for her, we could never pay the debt we owe to our MOTHERS."

"I say unto you that if ye should serve Him who has created you from the beginning, and is preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath, that ye may live and move and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another—I say, if ye should serve Him with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants."

(Mosiah 2:21.)

I think that on this month when we honour our mothers if we should think of this scripture and think how closely this does fit our mothers, too. Especially am I thinking of the partnership as the above poem gives that Mother is with God in giving us our Life—helped give us our breath and is supporting us from one moment to another.

And what did the greatest of them all think of His Mother?

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother, and His Mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His Mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His Mother, Woman, behold thy Son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy Mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. (John 19:25-27.)

In His hour of intense suffering and anguish, as He hung on the cross, the Saviour of the world—obedient to the command thundered down from Mt. Sinai to Moses centuries before, "Honour thy father and thy *Mother!*" had in these words commended His Mother to the care and protection of the beloved disciple John. The disciple tenderly led the sorrow-stricken Mary away from her dying Son and "took her unto his own house." Thus immediately he assumed the new relationship established by his dying Master. Typical of mothers, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had stayed with her persecuted and reviled Son to the end. By precept and by example Jesus made the lesson clear to all of us. It is our responsibility and privilege to honour our Mothers in word and deed every day of our lives.

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The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR Brother and Sister,

We as the new Mission Directors of the IMPROVEMENT ERA are most grateful for this opportunity of introducing ourselves to you fellow members of this great Church. It is with great humility that we stand at the threshold of this position in the Church, being very conscious of the responsibility we have to you as members.

The *Era* has been referred to as the "spoken word." How true that is. With President David O. McKay, our latter-day Prophet and Mediator, with God as editor, there can be no doubt that the articles he writes in every issue are but revelation and drawn from the great wisdom of a man who walks hand in hand with God. His direction of other articles appearing in the magazine leave nothing to be desired. There is knowledge, truth, love and understanding for every problem we encounter every day.

Let us look through a copy together and see what it contains: Advice from the Church Leaders, Church Doctrine, Church History, Church Progress, Bible Studies, Book of Mormon, Genealogy, Music, Education, Home Life and Living, Health, Temples, M.I.A. with helps for the Youth, Sports, Young People's Interests, Philosophy, Science, Religion, World Affairs, Fiction, Books, Poetry, and more. Dear friend, as you read this long list, which article appeared for your special problem? You can be assured that your answer was there. Perhaps it was given by some servant of God whose vast knowledge of the Gospel or great wisdom on world affairs can erase your problem like the wipe of a cloth on the blackboard, or maybe by some simple truth discovered by one by doing the housework. The *Era* is a *must* in every home. Is it in yours?

We hope to meet with you during the year throughout the Mission and would ask that if you have any special problem about the *Era*, please do get in touch we us. How about a renewal of that subscription you let lapse last year or was it the year before that? Time slips by, doesn't it? Perhaps you want a new subscription or even a single copy to find out what it is like? We have several back copies waiting. If so, do sit down immediately and drop us a line. Just a dozen words will do. Address your letter to:

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BROTHER K. S. BUSCH.

As your Mission M.I.A. Supt. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you my new 2nd counsellor, Brother William Heta, who has moved from the Whangarei District to the big smoke. He will take charge of the Dance and Drama for the Mission. He is looking forward to this job and I do hope and pray that you will give him your whole-hearted support. May the Lord be kind to him and help all where the needs are most. He has refilled the position left by Brother Eric Tahau of the Hastings area. We in the Mission are very sorry to see Eric leave the Board after his many years of fine, faithful service. Owing to his recent illness he has found this release necessary and we do know that the Lord will bless him and his family for all the grand work that he has done in this Mission. May he have a complete and speedy recovery. *Mission M.I.A. Supt.*

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD FOR JUNE

Respect for our Leaders.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls.

(Hebrews 13: 17.)

Have you planned with your Branch President for your Sunday Programme? This is not a Mother's Day programme for Sunday School. This is a Sunday Service Programme given in Sacrament Meeting time which is held in all Wards and Branches of the Church on the first Sunday of May.

LESSONS FOR JUNE

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 81—Prayer continued.
2nd Week—Faith.
3rd Week—Faith in Action.
4th Week—Our Loving Friends.

Continue to teach the children the four steps on praying for the first week using the correct words "thee, thy, and thou." Impress upon them that the Lord does hear and answer our prayers if we seek Him earnestly and with humbleness.

Explain the word "Faith." If we love faith, we must work, for we are told in the Scriptures that "Faith without works is dead." The healing of Naaman shows this Scripture to be true.

Children like to have friends. Adults like having friends, too. Our Heavenly Father and His Son are our friends, and we cannot do without them.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 94—Busy Children are Happy Children.
2nd Week, Page 99—Tithing.
3rd Week, Page 104—Helping Others.
4th Week, Page 109—Love for Others.

Be sure and learn the songs "When We're Helping" and "My Tithing Gives Me Happiness" from our song book. Be sure and use the Lesson approach on tithing. Use Branch President in place of Bishop and New Zealand money and not American otherwise the children will not get the full meaning, and that these lessons apply to them and not the American children. Impress on the children that they are given lots of money today for ice creams, drinks and shows but many forget to take out their tithing. Parents are neglecting to teach their children the law of tithing so we have an important duty to teach children this law. Impress the need of two money boxes, one for themselves and one for the Lord, and each time they are given money they first take out the Lord's tenth and put it in His box then plan how they will use their share. It will soon become a natural thing for a child to do and it will become important, and how his heart will swell with joy when he has enough and can take it to his Branch President.

We all understand the "Golden Rule" and I am sure these other lessons will make the children want to live by it.

Trailbuilders:

1st Week—We Can Memorise.
2nd Week—Preparation for Family Hour.
3rd Week—Divine Authority.
4th Week—We have Memorised.

Use the Activities the first week to help the boys enjoy memorising. The Family Hour lesson is most important. Teacher contact each parent individually as the Manual suggests, so that the boys will have a carry-over into

the home, and you will make your contribution to introducing the Family Hour into homes which have possibly not as yet realized its importance.

During the third week help the boys to understand and respect the local Church authorities as their calling is Divine, even though the children may know them very well; and the importance of respect and obedience to leaders.

Memorization is the lesson again in the last week, and the boys will be able to receive their Spirituality Emblem, so make sure you have them ready.

Bluebirds:

1st Week, Page 113—An Adventure in Making Friends.
2nd Week, Page 119—Baby Sitting.
3rd Week, Page 145—Recipe for a Pretty Girl.
4th Week, Page 126-145—Nutrition Pie "Daddy Date."

Make your Friendly Quotes Books in class as suggested. What Mother wouldn't be proud and happy to have a reliable Seagull girl amuse baby or the young children when she is busy. There are six sheets for the Seagull Scrapbook to go with this lesson. The Health Department have posters (free) on a balanced diet which you could obtain for these health lessons, or make your own food chart. Carry out the outlined activities. In June or July we hope that you will hold your "Daddy Date." If Daddy can't come, Brother, Uncle or Grand-dad could be invited. Several branches may combine, or even hold it on a District basis. Several branches reported successful Daddy Dates last year. Let's have more this year.

CORRECTION:

Jewel Setter 5/9; Jewels Packet of 30 3/10, not £3/10/-.

SUNDAY SCHOOL **(Continued from Page 166)**

And to the husbands the following might be a suggestion to us, in honouring the Mother of our children:

Often times I have seen a tall ship glide by against the tide as if drawn by some invisible bowline, with a hundred strong arms pulling. Her sails unfilled, her streamers were drooping, she had neither side wheel nor stern wheel; still she moved on stately, in serene triumph, as with her own life. But I knew that on the other side of the ship, hidden beneath the great bulk that swam so majestically, there was a little toilsome steam tug with a heart of fire and arms of iron, that was tugging it bravely on, and I knew that if the little steam tug untwined her arms and left the ship it would wallow and roll about and drift hither and thither, and go off with the refluent tide, no man knows whither. And so I have known more than one genius, high-decked, full-freighted, idle-sailed, gay-pennoned, who but for the bare toiling arms and brave, warm-beating heart of the faithful little wife that nestles close to him, so that no wind or wave could part them, would have gone down with the stream and have been heard of no more.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

May we take the words of the Saviour and apply them as if our mothers were saying it. "If ye love me, keep His commandments!"

The holiest words my tongue can frame,
The noblest thoughts my soul can claim,
Unworthy are we to praise the name.
An infant, when her love first came,
A man I find is still the same,
Reverently I breath her name,
The blessed name of Mother.

—George G. Tether.

Genealogy

BY the time you receive your *Te Karere* the 1957 Hui Tau will be but a memory, a very happy one, we trust.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend, I will give you a comparative report so you can see along with us how the work has grown.

As Mission officers we rejoice to see how the work is moving forward and to note that every district has at least sent in some sheets.

The number of Group Sheets to be forwarded to Salt Lake City to be cleared:

1955-56	1956-57
TOTAL 267	TOTAL 2,328

Living File

184	120

Assessment Received

£24/8/0	£42/9/4

Group Sheets sent in from the Districts

Auckland	82		1,433
Bay of Islands	24		49
Bay of Plenty	6		15
Hauraki	0		6
Hawkes Bay	50		56
King Country	0		13
Mahia	6		396
Manawatu	0		3
Otago	10		11
Poverty Bay	2		79
Taranaki	1		11
Waikato	2		79
Wairarapa	2		47
Wairau	29		26
Wellington	0		29
Whangarei	32		72

Sister Davies sent in 21 sheets in 1955-56 that are included in the total but were not put in any district.

Not only will the Lord bless you for your diligence, but many of those for whom you have done this work will bless you, too.

We are happy to report the organizing of three more "Family Organizations."

The 9th "Family Organization" was organized at the home of S. J. Hay, Maromaku, on the 14th March, 1957. (The Percy Going-Gertrude Cutforth Organization.)

President: Cyril M. C. Going.

1st Vice-President: Ray V. Going.

2nd Vice-President: Elsie M. Going Eager.

Secretary and Treasurer: Gwyneth Richards Hay.

Genealogist and Family Representative: Leslie N. Going.

Assistant Genealogist: Myra P. Going Mason.

Historian: Muriel C. Going Hay.

This is to be worked in conjunction with the organization in the U.S.A.

The 10th "Family Organization" was organized at the Mataraua Chapel on the 9th March, 1957.

President: Hemi Paora Witehira.

1st Vice-President: Tauahika Witehira.

2nd Vice-President: Ngatihaua Witehira.

Secretary: Huria Birch.

Treasurer: Miriama Witehira.

Family Representative: Paepae Witehira.

Genealogist: Paepae Witehira.

Assistant Genealogist: Iwingaro Wihongi.

This organization is to be known as the "Witehira Family Organization."

The 11th "Family Organization" was organized on the 31st March, 1957, and is to be known as the "Kauwhata Organization."

President: Hare Rewiti M. Kauwhata.

1st Vice-President: Wiruini Komene.

2nd Vice-President: Rauriki Kauwhata.

Secretary: Hohepa Kauwhata.

Relief Society

VISITING teaching, since it was first initiated in 1843, has been a vital part of Relief Society work. This programme of carrying love, mercy and understanding into the homes of its members, a plan which could not have been devised by man alone, affords the best possible proof of the divinity of this great work.

Blessings of Visiting Teaching:

The blessings of visiting teaching, based upon the true spirit of sisterhood, are great—to the Mother, to the Relief Society, and to the Visiting Teacher. To be a Visiting Teacher is a glorious calling. There is no more important work in the world than the work of service, and service to the Mother and the home brings enduring satisfaction.

To the Mother:

This application of true sisterhood awakens in her a desire to live nobly. It helps her to realize her importance to the Church and gives her a feeling of being wanted. It encourages her into active Church participation, which helps her share in the rich blessings available through the Gospel. It helps her to spiritualize the teachings in the home. These are only a few of the blessings that effective visiting teaching can bring to the Mother.

To the Relief Society:

The blessings and benefits of visiting teaching are many. Many branch presidents who have the spirit of this important work will find that a large number of their organization problems will be minimized; many may disappear. Often the teachers discover special talents of individual members, talents which may be used to advantage in the local organization. It spreads the opportunities from a few to many, and thereby builds leadership. Visiting Teaching *well done* increases attendance and makes for a successful Relief Society.

To the Visiting Teacher:

The blessings and satisfaction are tremendous. This work of "watching over and cherishing one another" builds the teacher's character and enriches her personality. Through meeting various mothers in different types of homes, her vision is enlarged, her self-confidence is enhanced and she gains a greater ability to meet and to talk to people. More important still, the visiting teacher, through her work of service, grows spiritually and gains a deeper understanding of the Gospel. Furthermore, she is helped in the formation of enduring and satisfying friendships and she enjoys that rare satisfaction and peace of mind that comes from work well done in the service of the Lord.

All in all, through this great work, the teacher grows immeasurably in the divine characteristics of true sisterhood which were so beautifully expressed by the Prophet Joseph Smith when he indicated that:

TRUE SISTERHOOD CONSISTS OF BEING . . .

"Armed with mercy . . . Full of tenderness . . . Prudent in thought and action . . . Pure in heart."

May the Lord bless each one of us to be Sisters in very Truth.

CORRECTION

In Proselyting Missionaries, Hui Tau edition, it is ELDER FRED BEAZLEY not Sam Beazley.

Featuring the Districts

WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

The 4th Elders' Quorum have chosen for their motto this year "Activity" and the presidency have started the ball rolling by purchasing a second-hand duplicating machine. With this machine they publish on the 20th of each month the "Quorum Bugle," a bulletin containing information for the Elders and messages from the Presidency, etc. This is obtained for the subscription of 3/6 per annum. The duplicator was purchased mainly by the Elders' donations.

Using this same machine, the Whangarei Branch Presidency publish a bulletin towards the end of each month called the "Chapelite." This contains the branch activities, changes in organizations, officers, branch notices and enables all subscribers to gain their information "straight from the horse's mouth." The annual subscription is 2/- per member and is subsidized by the budget fund.

Three auxiliaries were reorganized in the Whangarei Branch on 14th April. Sister Grace Jones was released from the Relief Society as president and replaced by Sister Hukatere Kiro with Sisters A. J. Garlick and Sister Tihema Manihera as assistants and Sister Rangi Tahere as secretary.

Since Brother Wi Heta moved to Auckland and Brother Moana Nui Anaru moved to the College, the Sunday School has been run by 2nd counsellor Te Ruahuihui Manihera who now becomes Superintendent, assisted by Brother Ngapuhi Pita and Brother Roger Fong with Frank M. Tahere, Sr., as secretary.

Brother Harris Shortland, the M.I.A. Superintendent, moved to Auckland to further his training as a male nurse and his position was filled by Brother Rangi Kiro with Sister Val Jones and Brother Dave Harema as counsellors and Brother Whanauapani Thompson as secretary.

From the Kaikou Branch goes another missionary to the College. Brother Wilson Peepe has been 2nd counsellor in the Branch Sunday School, Superintendent in the M.I.A. and 2nd counsellor in the District Sunday School organization. This latter position is still vacant but Brother Pat Peihopa fills the M.I.A. vacancy and Brother Moana Paul the branch Sunday School calling.

Because of people moving away from the area the Takahiwai Sunday School has closed down.

STATISTICS

Births.—To Ramarihi and Hauraki Heta, a son, April 12th, at Kawakawa Hospital.

To Mae and Leo Rouse, a daughter, March 31st, at Whangarei Annex.

Baptism. — Linda Elsie Davies, Hikurangi Branch, by Brother Te Ruawai Ngawaka.

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Maria Elkington

A very happy 1957 Eastertide to all our Brothers and Sisters throughout the Mission.

Congratulations to Sisters Becky Bird, Margie Ormsby, Doreen Tipoki and Lizzie Stevens who gained their Mia Joy Awards last month. Also to Cherry Clark on gaining her Silver Gleaner.

M.I.A. work in this District is really going ahead. The College and Hamilton Mia Maids and Explorers, under supervision of the District, staged a successful "Summeree" at the College with 35 in attendance. The programme began at 6.30 p.m. and

included a two-hour basketball period at the David O. McKay Building and wound up at the lounge where refreshments were served.

A special programme called "Stairway to the Stars" directed by the District Gleaners' Council, was staged at the College and was an inspiring enterprise. A District M Men and Gleaners four-aside debate team, conducted a debate at the College during a Fireside and was immensely enjoyed by the audience. Strong criticism came from the audience but was later soothed by refreshments.

At the Ngaruawahia regatta the College M.I.A. group won the Maori items for the third consecutive year. We are proud to mention that two of our young girls from this District have received special Hui Tau assignments from the Mission M.I.A. Board, Sister Farina McCarthy, who is to speak on the M.I.A. theme for this year and Sister Elaine TeNgaio who is to be amongst the models in a fashion show.

Our congratulations to Brother and Sister Joe TeNgaio on their 20th anniversary. From the College we have three recent honourable releases, Brothers Peter Wairama of Hawkes Bay, George Walker of Poverty Bay and Stan Curnow of Auckland.

A farewell programme was conducted at the College for President and Sister Mendenhall whose three months' stay amongst us was a boost and pleasure for many. The highlight of their departure was that they were taking back with them three fine dogs purchased from Brother Eru TeNgaio. We say "lucky dogs" and many a sleepless person is saying "good riddance."

Also visiting the project is Elder E. Anderson, the Church Architect, from Zion. A warm welcome has been extended him.

On March 14th all Branches held their scheduled Relief Society March programmes. College Relief Society rendered a beautiful programme with Sisters Polly Tarawhiti, Kenya Watene and Thelma Curnow giving fine talks.

Primary work in the District is spreading far and wide and Home Primaries are doting the District everywhere.

Until our next issue, bye for now.

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MAHIA DISTRICT

By Emma M. Brown

Nuhaka Branch:

Hello folks! Long time no news! No excuses whatsoever.

Nuhaka Relief Society held a lovely Birthday and Old Folks' Programme on the 17th March. Speakers, Sisters Heeni Christy, Irihapeti Whaitiri and Ellen Mataira, recalled many fond memories, and the singing Mothers, whose contribution to any programme are a delight to listen to, were slightly shaded by Brother Epanaia Christy's beautiful solo, "Darling, I Am Growing Old." Be careful, Tinirau, with that College Talent Quest. Your grandfather is not here, but your uncle is.

Our District President, Brother Dave Smith, conducted a well-attended leadership meeting. Advice, instructions galore were really enjoyed by all those who were present. Hui Tau arrangements were discussed freely.

Even though there's no M.I.A. competition at Hui Tau, our M.I.A. President, Sister Huia Christy, and her members are working hard with concerts, dances, etc., to ease bus fares for the "young ones."

Next month we will probably have more to say about our dear old "chapel." We should be out of it before Hui Tau. Our Branch Presidency will have to go some with their Enlistment Roll to get "Kahungunu" filled with members. If anyone wants pictures, you can have as many as you wish, and taken from any angle, at a price, of course. What for? For Nuhaka Temple-College fund.

Thank you, Elders, who are visiting Waiouru Military Camp. Eru and Midgley with the other boys write home often, relating their joy with your Sunday evening services. In their own words: "Mum and Dad, we never felt so happy in our lives, and never realised how much we missed our services."

Hello, our missionaries. A big health germ for Grey. We all pray for your speedy recovery.

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HAURAKI DISTRICT

By Mary Hamon

There has been quite a lot of reorganizing this month in our extended district. On March 16th President Ballif and two Elders travelled to Rotorua to reorganize the 8th Elders' Quorum which comprises the Elders from Hauraki and the Bay of Plenty. Brother Eddie Paki and his counsellors were released, and Brother Sam Hira was set apart as the new president with Brother Alfred Tarawa of Tauranga as 1st counsellor and Brother George Anderson of Kawerau as 2nd counsellor and secretary. We say, "Kia Kaha," to these brethren.

President Ballif and his party then proceeded to Thames to spend the night. A small cottage meeting was held at the home of Brother Ralph Hamon where our President spoke most forcibly on the welfare plan. The next day, Sunday, 17th March, the party travelled to Waihi with the District Presidency and reorganized the Waihi Branch. Brother Reg Daniels was released with his counsellors and Brother Percy Rowe accepted the position of Branch President. His counsellors are Brother George Bryan and Brother Don Coromandel with Brother George Watene as secretary. This branch is now fully organized and great progress should be made.

We were privileged to have President Ballif stay to our leadership meeting on the Sunday afternoon. Every Branch from Maketu to Thames was well represented. At this meeting the district auxiliary leaders were sustained and set apart. Brother Roy Matthews accepted the position of 1st counsellor to the District President, Brother Ralph Hamon. The Sunday School Superintendent is now Brother George Mikaere, while Brother Oliver Ormsby is Genealogical Chairman. The Young Men's and Young Women's Mutual Presidents positions are held by Brother Clifford Matthews and Sister Ramona Watene respectively. Sister Matiti Watene retains her position as the President of the Primary. Sister Watene has held this position for nineteen years and we hope she will be able to continue for many years yet. The District Relief Society has been reorganized also, due to the release of Sister Edith Hamon. She was president for over eight years and gave untiring service during that time. Recently her health has not been the best and we pray that she may regain it fully. Sister Mary Hamon has accepted the position of president with Sisters Ruby Mikaere and Daisy Rowe as counsellors.

We welcome into the district Elders Blanche and Robinette. These elders are labouring with Elders Green and Sheffield. Although this is a welcome it may also be a farewell as we saw trunks, boxes, cases, etc., disappearing in a bright blue Ford in the direction of Hamilton (and Hui Tau!) We presume Elders Sheffield and Robinette were at the wheel.

The brethren in and around Tauranga have been praying and fasting for the recovery of one of our sisters who is critically ill in the Tauranga Hospital, Sister Amy Kohu. May the Lord bless her and restore her health if it be His will.

Cheerio for now. By the time you read this, Hui Tau will be over and we will have renewed old acquaintances and caught up on all district news.

WAIRARAPA DISTRICT

By Dulcie Hawkins

We once more break the long silence from our end of this vineyard, and I will endeavour to enlighten you readers on what we have been doing.

The Te Harehana Primary officers and children held a picnic on Mr. E. C. Holme's Estate; he has been a wonderful friend to the Maoris, assisting us whenever we hold a function. The day was fine and sunny; therefore, a most enjoyable time was enjoyed by all who were present.

Our time has been well spent in preparation of our Hui Pariha held February 23rd and 24th. The Hui was one of the most inspirational and instructive meetings that has ever been held in this part of the Mission. Much enjoyment and appreciation was shown by the congregation listening to the speakers, such as President Ballif, Elder Hay, Brothers Sidney Crawford, James Elkington, and Sisters Crawford, Mason, Manu and Wineera, as well as many others.

The Primary and Mutual programmes, which were held on Saturday night, were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Sunday, 6:00 a.m., President Ballif held a testimonal meeting, the first of its kind to be held in this district, and it was most inspirational to all present.

At 8:00 a.m. the Relief Society held their meeting under the supervision of Sister Crawford with the Wairarapa Relief Society President, Sister Margaret Haeata, assisting. Also the Priesthood meeting was held then.

In the general meetings we had the pleasure of presenting a choir of about 20 members. Much praise and thanks to Sister Christina Enoka and Sister Bessie Couch in putting forth this effort. I think they were rewarded when the choir sang their numbers because they certainly sang to the best of their ability.

We are sorry to lose Sister Christina Enoka to the Auckland Branch, as we were in hopes of having her to practise with us for the Hui Tau choir numbers. But our loss is Auckland's gain.

ORDINATIONS

Baptisms.—Haronie Acaccia Hawkins, February 24th, 1957, by Brother Manuwera Ben Riwai, confirmed by President A. S. Ballif.

Roy TeRa Riwai, February 24th, 1957, by Brother Manuwera Ben Riwai, confirmed by Brother Manuera Couch.

Reginal Alexander Matenga, February 24th, 1957, by President Ariel S. Ballif.

Ordained.—Haumoana Te Aroatua MacDonald as Teacher, February 24th, 1957, by President A. S. Ballif, for the Te Harehana Branch.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Delia Steele

Once more we send greetings from the Manawatu District to all our friends in the Mission Field, especially those in hospitals, etc., and to those Brothers and Sisters labouring on the Temple-College project.

Sister Laloma Dunlop was set apart as a Sunday School Teacher in the Palmerston North Branch on the 10th February. Sister Dunlop's friends and relations will be very pleased to hear this and we wish Sister Dunlop all the health and strength in the future to enable her to carry out this rewarding work.

On the 10th March the Palmerston North Branch welcomed back for a very short while Elder Briggs, who visited Palmerston North together with his companion, Elder Hymas. I think it was more or less a "hello"-"goodbye" sort of visit, but I am sure those who saw him had lots to talk about.

A little more news on Feilding. This little corner of the Mission is coming along slowly but surely, and, although it has started with few members, they are already holding meet-

ings in the Community Hall and extend an invitation to anyone in the Manawatu District to visit them and give them a boost along. It reminds me of Palmerston North Branch some five or six years ago, just a handful of faithful Brothers and Sisters to keep it together, but I am sure that it will forge ahead as the Palmerston North Branch did and methinks that the older established Branches may have to be looking to their laurels. They are already contemplating inaugurating a Relief Society, and from there, who knows where they might go. Under the enthusiastic guidance of Brothers Howell and MacMurtrie and Elders Martin and Smith, we look for big things from this, as yet, very small gathering.

Brother Alan Steele, who laboured so diligently at the College for some two years, has been back with us since Christmas time, but even though he has been back such a short while, the powers that be have already put him to work. He has been sustained as the Genealogical Chairman for the District and the Palmerston North Branch. Under his guidance we expect a greater interest to be shown in Genealogical work here. Brother Alan has done a great deal of research on his own behalf and is extremely interested in the work.

The District Presidency are working closely together and have meetings every Monday evening, either here in Palmerston North or Dannevirke, meeting also with the Branch Presidents once a month to give counsel and advice where needed. The members of the Presidency also visit the branches for Sunday meetings to see how things are progressing. I do not think there is a Sunday goes by that there isn't one of the Presidency present at each of the Branches.

On the 17th March, Brother Frederick Palmer, who is the father of Sister Laloma Dunlop, was ordained a Priest. This very hard-working and sincere Brother deserves this recognition of his quiet, unassuming service in the Palmerston North Branch, and we wish him all the health and strength to carry out his duties as he would wish to carry them out. On the same day, Brother Peter Howell was honourably released as Sunday School Superintendent of the Palmerston North Branch, which position he filled excellently. Brother Peter is now extending his energies in Feilding.

To take the place of Brother Peter Howell as Sunday School Superintendent, Brother James Templeton was sustained in that position on the 31st March. We wish Brother Templeton all the best and the Lord's blessings on him as he goes about his duties in this position, that he might lead, guide and direct the members of the Sunday School wisely.

STATISTICS

Baptisms.—Ada Katherine Robb, Raymond William Colgate Robb, Pauline Mary Whibley, all on March 16th.

Blessings.—Anne Marie Craig on March 3rd; Raywin Lynette Robb, Leslie Anne Robb, Valerie Christine Robb, Malcolm Gordon Robb, all on March 17th.

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

The highlight of the activities of the district was the picnic held at Patea Beach on March 16th. Members from all the branches gathered together in beautiful sunshine to enjoy a day of swimming, races and just talk! I counted about 10 children and 35 adults who sat down to eat picnic lunches. It was a wonderful day and I hear there are some very good photographs to see, especially the one of Sister Stent about to "take off" in the married women's race!

The District leadership meeting was held at Brother Prime's home in Patea and was well attended. Our District President, Elder O. Pearce, and his officers are determined this district will

be free of debt by the time this report goes to press and budget systems have been introduced to keep up with district commitments.

The Utiku members are very proud of their Relief Society Sisters who took over the service on March 21st and presented a well-organized and prepared programme. These sisters have certainly made great progress since their first meeting eight months ago. The Presidency, Sister O'Brien, Sister Potaka, and Sister Thorner, deserve much praise for a great job well done.

A new Sunday School has been organized at Waiouru Army Camp where members come from all over New Zealand. A religious film evening held recently was attended by 16 members and investigators.

In Manaia and Wanganui the Relief Society presented the first Sunday programme which was enjoyed by all present. Sisters in both branches are hard at work completing articles for Hui Tau display. M.I.A. is encouraging all young folk to attend the Hui Tau in April and in Wanganui the first meeting of the recently organized M.I.A. was held at the Amateur Dramatic Hall on March 6th. Square dancing called by Elder O. K. Spencer commenced the evening and Sister Doris Manu, who brought a party of young people down from Manaia, gave a talk on M.I.A. Manaia members are very pleased to welcome to their branch Brother John Daymond and his wife and extend congratulations to this young couple. Brother Piri Arthur, who is doing his military training, has been a visitor to the Manaia Branch. We are sorry to hear their Branch President, Brother Pohe Rei, has been ill and wish him a speedy recovery.

Last month I told you a little of Brother J. Prime and this month I'd like you to meet Brother Tonga Whitu (Bob) Manu from Manaia. This young man is a Priest who holds four important positions in the branch. Besides doing his ordinary work, Brother Manu is 1st Counsellor to the Branch President, Superintendent of the Sunday School, President of Y.M.M.I.A., and Branch Teaching Supervisor. He is a fine young man who takes a very active part in the affairs of the Church.

In Wanganui the Senior Sunday School is a great success; they now have their own sacrament tray and control all their meetings. On Fast Sunday separate testimony meetings were held and the children gave Brother Blythe the experience of his life with the beauty of their knowledge of the Gospel. I know there are some very happy young girls in the Primary as now there is a Lark class and the girls have their bandalos and emblems to work for. On March 8th Elders Hymas and Briggs, the Mission representatives, were here on official business. We are pleased to have Elder John Poihipi and family officially members of the Wanganui Branch and do welcome our visitors, Sister Pat Hulme and Ani Heperi.

STATISTICS

Blessings.—Tianara Raymond Phillips, Emma Carnella Phillips, Victor Simor Phillips, Janice Robyne Bonita MacDonald.

Ordinations.—Brother Wm. A. Anderson to Priest.

Convert Baptism.—Andrew Lafferty of Waiouru on March 10th by Elder Kaufman and confirmed by Elder R. Anderson.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Kawerau Branch:

A hearty welcome is here extended to Brother John Murphy and his large family who recently moved into Kawerau with the Railways Dept.

Sacrament meetings are now held on Sunday evenings and are proving successful. This month's baptisms are as follows: Brother John Scott and Sister Sheena Margaret Bishop, converts, and Neil David Holland, who

was baptized by his own father, Brother Arthur Holland.

A Priesthood group of six plus two ladies visited the home of Brother Paora Matthews at Waiohau on Saturday, 23rd March, and dug seventeen bags of potatoes and collected 30 pumpkins. These were all donated by Brother Matthews to the College.

Whakatane Branch:

This Home Sunday School, which has a membership of 20, also made a worthy contribution to the College when on Wednesday, 27th March, they made an organized collection of garden produce from its members' homes and sent all to the College with Brother Pamea McKay.

Taupo Branch:

The Relief Society is now going with a swing under the leadership of Sister Lorna Wishart, President; Sister Merania Chase, 1st Counsellor; Sister Hoki Purcell, 2nd Counsellor and Secretary.

On the 17th March six Taupo families joined together in their first Relief Society Birthday. It was some get-together judging by the appetizing array of food consumed! The Taupo Primary is well under way also. Sister Lucy Heke is President and Secretary and Blazer Teacher; Sister Lily Johnson, 1st Counsellor, Co-Pilot Class Teacher; Sister Hoki Purcell, Younger Group Teacher.

Mangakino Branch:

This Branch is functioning well with the new Presidency all out for its College-Temple fund. February 9th was a big day there. The Relief Society held a Bring and Buy in the morning, a Samoan hangi in the afternoon and a dance at night with the whole Branch participating—net profit £56.

Three of the brethren spent a week at the College in response to a short notice call. They were Brothers Pera Tengaio, Edward Paki and Siliva Brown.

Auxiliary reorganizations follow:

M.I.A.—Brother T. Lalori, President; Sister M. Nelson, 1st Counsellor; Brother P. Ahwong, 2nd Counsellor.

Sunday School—Brother M. Lagi Paon, Superintendent; Brother P. Lisa, 1st Counsellor; A. Te Maari, Jr., 2nd Counsellor; R. Stewart, Secretary.

Relief Society—Sister R. Paki, President; H. Tengaio, 1st Counsellor; M. Te Maari, 2nd Counsellor.

Primary—Sister M. Smith, President; A. Mohr, 1st Counsellor; V. Nelson, 2nd Counsellor.

Rotorua Branch:

The Priesthood members have been very busy fencing and digging potatoes and what-have-you, doing everything possible to raise money for the Temple-College fund. The Relief Society has co-operated wholeheartedly also by sales of cakes and clothing and by making contracts with the non-active members. The Presidency, under Sister Josephs, is progressing rapidly and expanding, too. The Visiting Teachers have reached out in their visiting and the results are clearly showing to Brother Leo Ormsby, Branch President, some interesting figures before Hui Tau, showing that of the £180 the Branch was to find, £164 was already in hand.

Rotorua, being central for all the district, was again the host branch for the Leadership Meeting on March 31st. A grand attendance of some 55 officers and teachers plus over a dozen children were there. The instructional meetings were most interesting and inspiring. A host of problems were aired and all left full of vim and vigour.

A baptism of special interest and pleasure to Rotorua-ites is that of Sister Anne Jane Leather, who was baptized by Elder Bailey on the morning of 31st March. This good Sister we feel sure will be the forerunner for others in this area, where converts have been few and far between.

At this time of writng, news of the impending departure of Elder Ras-

mussen is at hand. We wish him God-speed to his new fields of work down in Christchurch.

A very large "bubbly health germ" is on its way to Sister Bubbles Walker in the Whakatane Hospital. By the time it bursts, we all hope she'll be well and back at home with her family in Kawerau.

Goodbye for now!

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

With Hui Tau and all its excitements over, life is now back to normal.

Returning suddenly to his home in the States is Elder Elledge, who during his 18 months out here had become a great friend to many in the district. Noted for his friendly advices and his wonderful understanding, he will be missed greatly. He played a great part in bringing about the baptism of the many converts in the district this past year, and we certainly thank him for his service and wish him success, joy, and happiness in his future life with his family.

A welcome is extended to Gwen, wife of Brother Gordon Little, who recently arrived from England.

Porirua Branch are still in the hustle and bustle of creating ways of raising funds for the district back assessment and are having success.

Recently appointed to the office of Primary Secretary was Sister Rangi Parata.

A banquet and dinner was held at the local Toa meeting house on March 30th to celebrate the 21st birthday of Brother Jury Arthur, where all well-wishers gathered to wish him well.

On the 7th April a special Sunday Service was presented by the M.I.A. where all thoughts were expressed around the 1957 M.I.A. theme.

A blessing and the name of Kimihia Elkington was given to the infant son of Brother and Sister Sam Elkington.

On the 6th April a bus was chartered and a happy band of supporters journeyed across to Wairarapa to attend their Grand Concert and Dance held at Pirinoa in aid of their missionary assessment.

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WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. N. MacDonald, Jr.

Hello everyone and a special cheerio to our boys at the College; also a special cheerio to Brother Frank and Sister Hippolite on the birth of their daughter.

The monthly correlation meeting held on the first Saturday of each month continues to serve its purpose with an average attendance around the 20 mark. From now on these meetings will commence at 9:00 a.m. to allow players and spectators to get home for Rugby and Hockey. All branches are looking forward to the meeting in June to be held at the French Pass, especially our two elders as this will be their last chance to visit the members there. Now for a round-up of each Branch.

Nelson:

A successful project to raise funds for the branch was held by the four auxiliaries, pot luck lunches, bring and buy run by the Sunday School, Primary and M.I.A. culminating in a social by the Relief Society. The Elders' Quorum had a day fishing to raise funds for the College and Temple Fund.

Grovetown Branch:

This Branch is still continuing with their wood-cutting project to raise funds for the College, Temple and Branch funds. A welcome hand is being received from Brother Mugwi McDonald who recently returned from England after nine years' absence. With him came his wife and daughter and we extend a welcome to them to their new home and land.

M.I.A. attendances continue to grow from 15, nine months ago, to an aver-

age of 30 per meeting. Interest has been stimulated by 10-minute practise sessions each night, preparing plays, songs, etc., for open night concert at which all parents and any others interested are invited and supper is served. Open night attendances sometimes reach the 50 mark which is quite a large gathering for this area.

Picton Branch:

This Branch held a social and cake sale, run by the M.I.A., and an enjoyable night was had by all. Sunday School is held each Sunday afternoon by Elders Buckley and Tonks.

Madsen Branch:

This Branch continues with their fishing day projects to raise their quota for the College, Temple and Branch funds. Sunday School attendances are very high in this small branch, averaging about 80-85% and the members are very proud of this record. Who wouldn't be?

General.—Special congratulations to Julie Crapper on her graduation from Primary.

John Hippolite and his family have now moved from Nelson to Waipara and we extend our best wishes on his new home and work.

STATISTICS

Marriage.—Jocelyn Kairarunga McDonald to Peter Davis by Ben Hippolite.

Adoption.—To Brother and Sister Hippolite, a daughter, Melanae Hinekohu Hippolite.

Baptisms.—K. Rosina Kemp and Bevin R. DePena by Tiwini Hemi. Phillip McDonald, Catherine McDonald, Nalder McDonald, and Te Ruaone McDonald, all by Elder Paul Zane Buckley.

Ordinations.—Tungia Kohe to Deacon by Tiwini Hemi.

Change of Officers. — Nelson Branch: Ratapu Hippolite to Sunday School Superintendent.

OTAGO DISTRICT

By Judy Hutson

This month we have good news from Invercargill because they had quite an addition to their little group with the baptism of five people. This ordinance took place in the ocean and as the tide was out, Elder May claims that it was the southern most baptism in the Church. One of those baptized, Sister Greenfield, is a deaf lady, so it was necessary for the Elders to learn to speak with their hands to teach the Gospel to her and her husband.

Elder and Sister Bott are now labouring in Invercargill and are doing a wonderful job. Sister Bott has organized a Relief Society. Her 1st counsellor is Sister Hazlett; 2nd counsellor is Sister Dowell; and secretary is Sister Stroud. They have also started evening meetings. Also seven children were blessed.

Dunedin has had a quiet month. The M.I.A. held a baking competition which proved highly successful. Sister Andrews proved to be the winner with her butter sponge and in the men's section Brother P. Taylor was the victor with his "1 plain scone."

Percy Smith accepted a call to work at the College. Shortly after he arrived he cut his foot and spent some time in the College Hospital. Despite his unfortunate accident, from his letters home one can see that he realizes the blessings that come from working for the Lord.

Yvonne Smith has just come home from hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

A primary has been organized and 13 children attended the first two meetings.

Nothing exciting has happened in Christchurch. We had a visitor from the Repertory Society at M.I.A. who gave us a very interesting talk on Drama and then did a few little skits. When she finished we showed her what we could do.

We are happy to say that Sister Black is now out of hospital and also Mary Wini. We pray that they will keep fit and well in the future.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

Auckland No. 1 Branch:

During the past month we have received lots of goodies, fun and excitement from attending the functions of our M.I.A. and with this excitement and fun, we have gleaned food for thought and treasures of truth from our fireside chats sponsored by the M Men and Gleaners. Our class president, Sister Kiri Rameka, presided over these chats and helped us in gaining more knowledge of this Gospel. On March 3rd, after evening service, our first fireside was a recording of a talk given by Elder Hugh B. Brown which he gave while at the College. His talk strengthened our testimonies as we listened to him testify to the divinity and truthfulness of Joseph and the Book of Mormon. Our second fireside was held on March 17th and our guest speaker was Sister G. Grant, who spoke on temple marriage. Sister Grant and her family have been through the Hawaiian Temple, and she enlightened us on the sacredness of temple marriage. Our third chat was under the direction of Elder Loveland, who with his films and projector, took us down Mexico way to the hidden ruins of temples and pyramids.

Our goodies and excitement came from two crazy dances sponsored by the M.I.A. One was a "Loud Sock Hop." The highlights of the evening were the Sockets from the U.S.A., starring Elder Bright dancing a Charleston, Elder Davidson playing his mouth organ, and Elder Wilde giving a jive exhibition with a broom. Anni Watene and Elder Bright won the prizes for the "loudest socks." Our next dance was the "Mad Hatters Dance." You can tell by the names of the dances that we have fun! Last but not least we always have lots of ice-cream and orange drink to cool us down.

On March 19th the M Men-Gleaner class surprised Sister Lorna Sparks and Brother Ken Murfitt with a "Kitchen Evening" and party. Later on, March 23rd, we attended their wedding. We wish Lorna and Ken a very happy future together.

North Shore Branch:

This has been quite an eventful month for us. On March 13th a very happy party followed the Relief Society Work Meeting, taking the form of a surprise "Kitchen Evening" given to Sister Lorna Sparks who was shortly to be married. Sister Lorna was the recipient of many useful gifts and was presented with a very novel bouquet consisting of small articles required in the kitchen. Sister Lorna charmingly expressed her thanks and appreciation to the sisters. Supper followed and it was made a double celebration in honour of our Relief Society Birthday.

Rothesay Bay was the scene of the annual Sunday School picnic on the 16th March and a happy time was had by all.

Our sympathy goes to Sister Dil who lost her Mother on March 18th. And also to Brother Dil who went into hospital very suddenly. However, the latest report was quite good. He has now become what he calls "a walkie talkie patient" and is up and about helping the nurses in the ward. We think he will be back with us before long.

The highlight of events for us this month, which we also share with the Auckland Branch, was the marriage of Sister Lorna Sparks to Brother Ken Murfitt. The ceremony took place in the Auckland Chapel and was performed by President Ballif. Sister Lorna made a very lovely bride and was attended by her sister Janet as bridesmaid, and younger sister, Hazel, and little Ruth Price, niece of the bridegroom, as flower girls. George

Dorrington acted as best man. The reception was held in the Chapel Recreation Hall, where many guests joined in wishing them eternal happiness.

M.I.A.—"Come to the Fair" was the theme of a party held by the M.I.A. at "The Olde House" on 2nd April, and from all accounts it was one of the best parties they have had yet. Sister Walnetta Broederlow was M.C. for the evening and she kept everyone so busy with games, songs and dancing that there wasn't a dull moment. Supper was really appreciated this night and all went home in a very happy mood.

The following Sunday evening the M.I.A. took over the service which was conducted by Brother Davie, and some very inspiring messages were given.

Another evening service was taken over by Sister Rood's class, conducted by Brother Pedersen with the theme "My Favourite Story from the Bible."

Tamaki:

From the M.I.A. our main activities for the month commenced with the M Men-Gleaners and the Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners "Howdy and Socialbility night." A short programme dominated by a western flavour provoked much fun and interest to a lively group. Most interest, however, was concentrated on the delicious supper that was prepared by the girls.

On the first Sunday evening in April the M.I.A. really outdid itself by producing a wonderfully inspirational service. The beautiful singing by the Junior Gleaners led by Sister Juanita Tarawa and the girls' trio consisting of Sisters Kura Palmer, Lillianne Tarawa and Zilpha Hall, and finally the M.I.A. combined chorus led by Sister Kura was surely a pleasure and a delight to listen to. The speakers, Brothers Tangatahira Tarawa, Don Fraser, William Kelly and Elder Allen, provided much food for thought. A special surprise presentation of a "Triple Combination" and a Missionary Bible was given by the Branch and presented by Brother Geoff Garlick to Sister Kura Palmer, who has been called on a proselyting mission. Sister Hogan welcomed to the programme President and Sister Ballif, Sister Puhatoto Paraena and Brother Ken Bush.

The day spent by our men working at the College resulted in not only a lot of work done but a lot of aching limbs the next day.

The College sparkies have now completed all lighting fixtures and we are now awaiting official permission to have the power connected.

We would like to offer Sister Frieda Taimana our congratulations on attaining her 21st birthday.

Brother Harold Hogan has been appointed to the position of Elders' Group Leader in Tamaki.

The choir held a farewell evening in honour of Sister Kura Palmer at the Tarawas' home and presented her with a black satchel in grateful appreciation for her services.

District:

We of the District offer our sincerest sympathy at the passing of Sister Pumama Ngawaka. We regretfully report her passing away and offer her family and relatives our sincerest aroha in their bereavement.

Sunday, April 14th, was district leadership meeting day; this was attended by a large number of officers and teachers of the district and some fine instructions were given in the various sections.

The 14th was also a big day for the district choir. They took the entire evening service and presented to us the "Life of Christ" and the Restoration of the Gospel and its coming to New Zealand in song. It was a wonderful meeting and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended, including Brother and Sister Walter Smith, for two songs of their's were also sung.

STATISTICS

Baptisms.—Sister Johnny Bell and Brother R. Peihopa at Tamaki.

"And again, verily I say unto you, my friends, I leave these sayings with you to ponder in your hearts, with this commandment which I give unto you, that ye shall call upon me while I am near—

"Draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently and ye shall find me; ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

"Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name it shall be given unto you, that is expedient for you.

"And if ye ask anything that is not expedient for you, it shall be returned unto your condemnation.

"Behold, that which you hear is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness—in the wilderness, because you cannot see Him—my voice, because my voice is Spirit; my Spirit is truth; truth abideth and hath no end; and if it be in you it shall abound.

"And if your eye be single to my glory, your whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things.

"Therefore, sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God, and the days will come that you shall see Him; for He will unveil His face unto you, and it shall be in His own time, and in His own way, and according to His own will.

"Remember the great and last promise which I have made unto you; cast away your idle thoughts and your excess of laughter far from you."

—Doctrine & Covenants 88:62-69.

BE JUST

One hears so much regarding
How intolerant folks can be;
But folks, I find, react most times
To tensions they can't see.

Life's only what you make it,
Be it gay or be it sad;
And from love of knowing people
Greatest pleasure can be had.

It's only human nature
That all outlooks aren't the same,
But if we live the golden rule
There'll be no one to blame.

Perhaps there's some good reason
For folks stating things they do;
So hear just what they have to say,
Then give your point of view.

The little tact that's needed
Requires a thoughtful heart,
And if we weigh the other side
Then friendship can't depart.

Everything must balance
In this universe so wide,
So make sure, if life's uneven,
Faults aren't mainly on your side.

—Thelma E. Goebel.

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

"We never really acquire a truth unless it changes our lives."—President Stephen L. Richards.

WHAT a challenge this statement is to a Latter-day Saint. The Gospel of Jesus Christ as it is found in Holy Scripture and revealed in modern revelation is full of truth essential to the salvation of man. By baptism into the Church we accept the truth and subscribe to the pattern of life of the Saviour.

In His teachings He has given us truth in a perfected plan for obtaining the most out of life in a personal way and in all of our human relationships. What have we done with this plan? How much of the revealed truth have we *acquired?*

Let us examine one of these truths, checking up on ourselves to see how effective it is in our lives.

The truth about health. God is our Creator. We are made in His image. Man represents the crowning achievement of the creation. This being true, God knows the function of every organ of the body and can give the correct formula for the food and care necessary for its proper growth and development. In the 89th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants He instructs His children out of His wisdom, "showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days."

From His great knowledge and wisdom He has informed us: (1) What food is proper for the best results in His creation; (2) He has informed us what poison to reject, knowing how they can interfere with the proper function of the body; (3) He has pointed out the necessity of and the proper amount of rest for the body; and (4) He has related all His instructions to the effective functioning of the body when He says, " . . . they shall find wisdom and . . . knowledge and shall run and not be weary and walk and not faint." Concluding with the promises of protection against the destroyer, provided, of course, that we follow His instructions.

In His great wisdom and love for His children He has forewarned us of the "evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men . . . "

This condition is evident in every persuasive effort used to get human beings to eat, drink, or in any way use things that will destroy the human body. There are advertisements of many kinds in magazines, newspapers, radios, and on bill boards that would entice us to use materials that are detrimental to our health.

The truth has been given. We have born testimony to its truth. Remember President Richards' statesment: "We never really acquire truth unless it changes our lives."

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

WHAT are stars?

My father said to me one night when I was a very little frightened girl, "Look at the stars in the sky and then you won't see the shadows on the ground." Ever since then I have been fascinated by stories and poems about the stars. Said one child:—

I wonder what the stars is?
Wish I knew.
If I knew what the stars is
I'd Jes' make a few.

And another child answered:—

I made the nicest kiss I could,
And blew it to the moon so far.
And then I watched the empty sky,
And, pop—out came a little star!

Maori legends say that stars are the Little Shining Ones who were playing at the foot of the great mountain and were gathered in a basket by Tane and placed on the cloak of Rangi in the long ago forgotten days. I have also heard that Matariki was the keeper of a great star that was so beautiful that Tane became jealous of it and chased it all over the sky. Because he could not catch it he threw other stars at it and broke it into seven pieces and they remain in the heavens until this day. Of course, scientists tell us that stars are suns, with planets revolving around each and that there are untold millions of them.

All of these stories give the answers to the origin and make-up of stars either poetically or scientifically, but I do not think my father had any of them in mind when he advised me to look up at the stars. He meant to say that stars are ideals, and that by clinging to our ideals we will not be engulfed in confusion. Keep your ideals high and you will rise above the ordinary petty troubles of each day. Ideals are like the stars. They are high in the sky and unobtainable, but glittering goals toward which one stretches and grows tall in the effort.

"From the viewpoint of the Latter-day Saint principle of eternal progress, an ideal is always 'the better beyond the best,'" says Obert C. Tanner. "Ideals are powerful."

In order to live the good life it is necessary to have high ideals, high as the stars. As one reaches towards his ideals they expand and grow higher and bigger. Chaos results from the lack of ideals, from confusion wrought by no fixed purpose. Ideals are necessary for growth, and the speed of eternal progression is determined by one's ability to follow the ideals of the Gospel. The Gospel ideals are above the worldly things even as the stars are above the earth. Where there are no stars there is darkness. And if one looks at the stars he does not see the shadows on the ground.

What are stars? They are the Little Shining Ones. They are suns. But most of all they are ideals toward which one strives and grows tall in the striving.

"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life."
—Proverbs 4:13.

Editorial . . .

"WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR HERITAGE?"

"AND I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee above measure, and make thy name great among all nations, and thou shalt be a blessing unto thy seed after thee, that in their hands they shall bear this ministry and Priesthood unto all nations;

"And I will bless them through thy name; for as many as receive this Gospel shall be called after thy name, and shall be accounted thy seed, and shall rise up and bless thee, as their father;

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee; and in thee (that is, in thy Priesthood) and in thy seed (that is, thy Priesthood), for I give unto thee a promise that this right shall continue in thee, and in thy seed after thee (that is to say, the literal seed, or the seed of the body) shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of life eternal." (Abraham 2:9-11.)

One of the greatest threats to the fulfilling of this promise is lack of knowledge and understanding on the part of the individual. A great many writers have expressed themselves in interpreting the principles of the Gospel and many others have written concerning the "Mormons," their origin, and their beliefs. Some of these articles are based on truth; others are not. Some are stimulating to good works; others are degrading and possess the "stumbling block" with which testimonies may be destroyed and eternal life lost. Do *you* know enough about the history of *this Church* and its teachings to discern truth and error? . . . enough not to be shaken by the buffetings of Satan, enough to refute evil and teach in its stead the truth? How much detail have you accumulated in studying the restoration . . . the preparation of the world for this "refreshing from the presence of the Lord," the life of Joseph Smith, the circumstances surrounding the return of divine authority and instruction, the temptations that raged causing persecution, the falling away of many who had "seen" and "heard" the will of God expressed, and the massacre caused by those who did not "endure to the end," who were overcome by the desires and weaknesses of the flesh? No greater insight can be given into the divine gift of eternal life, and the responsibility accompanying Church membership, than a study of that heritage as it has been preserved for us through the lives and faithfulness of our forefathers. Part of that heritage is the recording of God's will and the history of His people by men of God, men who saw and knew the truth, men who possess His Priesthood.

There has never been a time when the children of God have not been expected to obey the will of the Lord and teach the principles of eternal life, even under the most adverse of conditions, for the Lord tries and purifies His people by tribulation. No man can appreciate this heritage without *understanding* how it came to him; neither can he withstand the lies and buffetings of Satan without knowledge. "The glory of God is intelligence," and only on the righteous *accumulation* and *use* of knowledge can one hope to fulfill his heritage.—K.S.B.

The First Article of Faith

By PRESIDENT STEPHEN L. RICHARDS
of the First Presidency.

"We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

THIS statement, which was made by the Prophet Joseph Smith, is now called the First Article of Faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There can be no doubt that in the religious world of the Prophet's boyhood there prevailed a very nebulous and uncertain doctrine with reference to the personality of God and the Personages of the Trinity. The creedal statements of the day appear to us now as being most difficult of interpretation and understanding, if wholly unintelligible. To this situation the first vision brought clarity, definiteness, and certainty — not as the product of reasoning, argument, and sophistication, but with the sureness of experience.

When Joseph came out of the grove, he had no need to argue for a theory; he knew the facts: God is in form like a man; He has a voice; He speaks; He is considerate and kind; He answers prayer. His Son is a like, but distinct person. He is obedient to the Father and the mediator between God and man. The presumption of God as a mere essence or principle of power and force in the universe was for all time exploded. The testimony is direct and positive and irrefutable. Many have not believed, but no one has ever had the knowledge to disprove it.

The character of the Holy Ghost as a member of the Godhead came to the Prophet later through revelation with a clarity and definiteness exceeding other scriptural pronouncements on the subject. He set forth, "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us." (D. & C. 130:22.) The identity and functions of the Holy Ghost are by him also differentiated from those of the Holy Spirit.

The attributes of Jesus are the standards of perfection in human living. Kindliness, sympathy, tolerance, mercy, forbearance, charity, judgment, loyalty, justice, intergrity, and abiding love are Christian virtues that lie at the foundation of the idealism of the race. Unfortunately for the world, too, many Christian men have knelt at the shrine of the attributes and denied the authority and sovereignty of the King. Equivocation about His divinity not only would rob the Christ of His real power, but it likewise robs the professed Christian of the concept and the loyalty which alone make him a true disciple.

What the world most needs today is not so much adoration of the attributes of Christ, however beautiful and beneficient they are, as the true worship and acknowledgment of the sovereignty of the Lord and His divine power. When men and nations look to Him as the arbitrator of all questions and the principles of His Gospel as the criteria by which all considerations shall be judged, then and then only will the world be the beneficiary of the true Christian influence and power. Little by little the testimony of Jesus will come into the hearts of men. It is a beautiful and satisfying experience to receive this testimony. It does not come to the arrogant, the proud of spirit. It is the reward of humility, faith, and good living.

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"Virtue is its Own Reward"

By LaRENE HARKER
(Talk given at Taylor Stake Conference.)

HONOURING womanhood is of greatest importance to a Latter-day Saint girl. President David O. McKay said, "Chastity is the crown of beautiful womanhood." So we must hold our ideals high, for before we can enter the temple we are asked if we are morally clean and we must be prepared to answer honestly in the affirmative.

It has often been said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It is good to turn back from error, but along with the power to repent let us not lose sight also of the power to prevent. A clean mind is one such prevention. Richard L. Evans said: "There is nothing constructive done without its being preceded by plan and purpose. The blueprint precedes the building—if not on paper, at least a blueprint in man's mind. And similarly it is suggested that before the unworthy act of utterance, comes first the thought—maybe not with complete awareness of its consequences, but sometime, somewhere, within the mind, there must first have been the mental commitment. If we don't want to build the building, there is no point in making the blueprint. If we don't want to invite action we'd better not think the thought.

Another preventative measure is that of surrounding ourselves with an environment that is clean and pure. A father once forbade his daughter to associate with a person he did not feel was good company. Rebelliously, the daughter said, "Father, you must think me a child if you feel that my association with this person would expose me to danger." Silently the father went to the hearth and picked up a dead coal. He handed it to his daughter saying, "Here, my child, take it, it will not burn you." The daughter did and her hands and dress became blackened. Crossly she said, "We cannot be too careful in handling coals." "Yes," the father answered, "You see, my child, coals even if they do not burn, blacken." So it is with evil company. We may not participate in evil but we are certainly influenced by it.

A philosopher once said: "A door must be open or shut." A door that is open just a little way can be opened further. A little opening is likely to become a larger opening. A principle compromised just a little way can be compromised further. "Just a little," we sometimes say. But just a little of something is often much too much. The sharp line of demarcation sometimes seems to be shaded on both sides —but somewhere in this shaded area there is a point beyond which we cannot safely proceed. And not only should we not cross the line that marks the limit of law, but also, for safety we should not even let ourselves come close to the shady side. "A door must either be open or shut." And when safety or soundness requires it, we should see that it is tightly shut.

Some will say or subtly suggest that the laws and commandments concerning chastity and personal purity are old-fashioned and can safely be set aside. But if they say this they deceive themselves, for there is this sure certainty: that sin is still followed by costs and consequences. The law of cause and effect has not been repealed even if some would say so.

And there are those who wonder if it is worth it to keep our ideals so high just so we may have a temple marriage. Some young people would

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★ Because of importance of "keeping the Sabbath Day Holy," the "Te Karere" is reprinting a series of three articles by Elder George R. Hall from the 1949 "Te Karere." Do you know which day should be observed as the true "Sabbath Day?"

To the Law and Testimony

By GEORGE R. HALL

A DOCTRINE which is being fomented into a controversy today is that of Sabbath Day worship. When was the Sabbath instituted? Does the Sabbath fall on a certain day of our modern week? Is the Old Testament meant for us today? From all sides these questions press upon us as various writers air their conflicting views. What are we to do? Our only alternative is to turn "to the law and testimony" and seek out the truth as recorded in sacred scripture.

Turning first to Genesis we read: "The Lord finished His work on the sixth day. He rested, and He blessed the seventh day." (2:1, 3.) We learn then that the Sabbath was first instituted by God in the beginning, and we conclude that it was a fixed day, the seventh day of the week. Genesis is one of the first five books of the Bible, and the inspired author of this passage is therefore Moses. Let us lay aside the Sabbath issue for a moment and discuss a related problem.

Today the Bible is a consolidated work, bound together as it is under one cover. Formerly, however, the writings were had by the people in distinct and separate groups, of which there were three: The Law, The Prophets, and Psalms. This is indicated also by Christ in the following verse in Luke: "And He said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me." (24:44.)

The group known as "The Law" and referred to by students today as the Pentateuch, was held in particular esteem by the Jews, because Moses, who wrote it, spake with God face to face. Therefore, the same Moses who wrote the creation account of the Sabbath in Genesis also wrote the law as set forth in the Ten Commandments, or the Decalogue. Let us turn to that and see how it reads:

"Keep the Sabbath Day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.

"Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:

"But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son . . . nor the stranger that is within thy gates . . . and remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm: therefore, the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath Day."

Some may argue that these are the words of the author of Deuteronomy and not the literal verbatim commandments of God. Conscious of the current dispute over the authorship of the first five books of the Bible, we state that the author was Moses, and this is confirmed by modern-day revelation. But regardless of who the author was, if we believe scriptures to be authentic and sacred, we must of necessity concede that scriptural writers are inspired by God. Therefore, if we protest that these words are not those of God but of Moses, we are casting doubt upon the inspiration of all written scripture.

However, we are saved even that difficulty, because the words which follow the commandments remove all

doubt. "These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the Mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me." (Deut. 5:22.) So, then, the Ten Commandments are the very words of the Lord Himself! Its exact wording will carry added meaning and weight. Returning now to the question of the Sabbath, let us turn our attention to some of this wording.

First we should note this significant passage that follows the fourth commandment and seems to be added by the Lord as further emphasis. "And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm: *therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath Day.*" (Ibid, v. 15.) (Italics our own.) Mark how this passage defines to whom the law is being addressed, and then it is followed by the decisive word "therefore!" The Sabbath law as here set forth is clearly addressed to the children of Israel.

Let us now turn our attention to another phrase which is conspicuously present in the fourth commandment: " . . . the stranger within thy gate." According to Hebrew usage this expression means a person of foreign extraction who resides in the land, as distinguished from the alien or foreigner who is merely visiting. So the commandment seems to apply to the naturalized Gentile and not to the foreigner.

To lend added weight to this conclusion, we discover in the Hebrew original of the decalogue that "ger," the Hebrew word for stranger, is the one used, while neither "zar" or "nekar," which are the Hebrew words for foreigner, are to be found in the original. If either of these words had been used, we would naturally reason that this Sabbath commandment was binding upon all men. But to the contrary we find that the qualifying word "ger" is used, and we are forced to conclude that the commandment is addressed only to the Israelites and to the naturalised Gentiles living with them, those who had become Jews by adoption.

Another interesting discovery comes to light when we focus our attention on the word "gates" found in this phrase. Now "gates" is peculiarly a Jewish term and denotes a wide variety of specific places. Sometimes it refers to an entire city. (Gen. 22:17.) Other times it may refer to public resort places. (Gen. 19:1; 23:10.) Or it may signify a place where public argumentation was held, areas where justice was administered, halls where kings and ambassadors held audiences, or it may refer to public markets. (Deut. 16:15; Joshua 20:4; Sam. 4:18; 2 Kings 7:1.) In all cases the word "gates" refers exclusively to specific places about which Hebrew life was centered. Clearly the fourth commandment was a national one directed to the children of Israel, and in its precise and restricted form does not, indeed cannot, apply to the Church today.

The fifth commandment reads: "Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged . . . in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." This last phrase, "in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," plainly indicates that the land should be inhabited by the Jews. Why? No one will deny that the word "land" mentioned here can refer only to the "promised land"—Canaan. Furthermore, the Christian is promised no land on this earth. Peter the Apostle declared that the Christian is a stranger and pilgrim, and as Paul further adds, he is an ambassador for Christ. While the blessings promised to the Jews are temporal and earthly (Deut. 23), we must always remember that the blessings promised to those under the realm of Christ are spiritual

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Here and There in the Mission

Immediately after Hui Tau five of our missionaries received honourable releases and returned home.

SISTER PATRICIA TE HIRA of Opotiki completed a 12 months' mission at Hui Tau. For 2½ years previous to her mission call, Sister Hira had been nursing, and before returning to occupational work, she is visiting the districts where she has laboured. She then hopes to immediately enter Church work in her home district. Sister Te Hira spent 6 months proselyting in Whangarei, 3 months in Auckland, and 3 months in Manawatu. She expressed her love for all the people among whom she has laboured and her thanks for the many blessings received from them. Truly her testimony has been strengthened and it has grown from the realm of pure feeling into the realm of knowledge. This is one gift of missionary *work* which is desired and appreciated by all who possess it.

Sister Te Hira

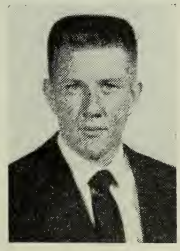
Returning home to the Tamaki Branch in Dannevirke is SISTER MOANA MANIHERA, who began her mission January 5th, 1956. Previously Sister Manihera spent 3½ years doing secretarial work, and this ability has served the mission well, for she was secretary to President Ballif in the mission office for the first 9 months of her mission. Thence began her proselyting duties with 3 months in Whangarei and 4 months in Auckland. After a very brief visit among friends and relatives on her return home, Sister Manihera began work as a stenographer. To her, both the people among whom she laboured and the companions she had helped make this mission a wonderful experience, and the love she feels for each of them is deep. Through her experiences as a missionary she has found a better way to express her testimony.

Well known throughout the New Zealand Mission is ELDER JOHN S. LEWIS of Orem, Utah. Elder Lewis spent the first 6 months of his mission proselyting in the Bay of Plenty District and the next 1½ years in the Auckland District, 6 months of which he was supervising elder; the last 6 months of his mission was spent in helping the proselyting missionaries throughout the Mission, as he was 2nd Counsellor to the Mission President. Elder Lewis plans on returning to school at Brigham Young University where he studied for a year before his mission call. His stay in New Zealand has been a happy and a prosperous one

Sister Manihera

in Church work as many can testify who have been blessed by his labours, and throughout life the prayers and blessings of those whom he has tried so untiringly to help will travel with him. He made no statement other than wishing to thank the "Saints for giving all." No other words were needed; the quality of his work and the counsel given while here contained his appreciation and his desires for your welfare.

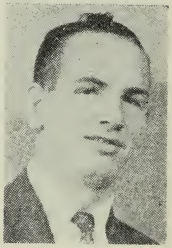
Also travelling home with Elder Lewis on the "Mariposa" on the 23rd of April was ELDER NOLAN WILLIAM CURTIS of Salt Lake City, Utah. Though a bricklayer by trade, Elder Curtis plans on entering the service for the next 3 years. While in New Zealand he laboured for 14 months in the Otago District and for 15½ months in the Mahia District, where he was supervising elder for the last 4 months of his mission. His mission has been a rich experience in



Elder Lewis

happiness for him, for here, he has "met some of the loveliest people" he's ever known, and he hopes that some day he can come and renew his friendship with them. He finds that the main difficulty we as people have is "living in the past." And he hopes to see the time when each of us will cease to lose so much of life by continually looking backward, and will look ahead and progress.

Flying home by P.A.A. on the 25th of April was ELDER TED JOHN MAY of Salt Lake City, Utah. Happily awaiting his return were both his parents and a lovely wife. Elder May had been married for just eight short days before leaving on his mission, and now that he has completed his mission and also two years of service in the Marine Corp., they now plan on building their home. Elder May, who is a brick mason, spent his



Elder Curtis

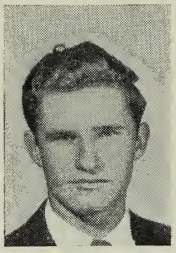
first five weeks here working at the College; then he proselyted in Christchurch for the next 12 months, acting as District Secretary for seven months of that period. His last 13 months in New Zealand were spent proselyting in Invercargill where he was in charge of that branch. Elder May wishes to say farewell to all Saints on the "Mainland" and to thank them for opening their hearts to him and sharing with him all that they have. The people there will always have a special place in his heart. For all of us in our many responsibilities he leaves with us this bit of wisdom from Confucius that has proved a blessing in his own life: "I listen to the words of men, but I look to their actions."

As each of these people return to the duties of normal life, we send with them our blessings. We are aware of much of the good they have accomplished in their missionary work and of the mark they have made in our lives, and we pray that both they and we will make use of these blessings of association and united work. May we

use and remember the teachings of our Lord and how they have helped us here.

Four new missionaries entered the field at Hui Tau.

Coming from the Tamaki Branch in the Auckland District is SISTER KURAWHAKAATA QUEENIE PALMER, formerly of Great Barrier



Elder May

Island. Sister Palmer has been doing general office work for the past four years, and within the realm of Church activity she has been of much service. She has been both Primary Secretary and Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, a Chorister for the Sunday School, Branch, Relief Society and M.I.A. and 1st Counsellor in the M.I.A. Sister Palmer's mission call was a most happy surprise. Sister Palmer is now labouring in Palmerston North with Sister Joy Marie Birdwell.

Also new in missionary work is SISTER HINEKATORANGI JUNE COTTER from Napier. Both she and Sister Palmer were set apart on April 22nd, 1957, by President Ariel S. Ballif at the College in Frankton. Sister Cotter has been working as an exchange operator in Napier for the past three years. She has been working in the Church in M.I.A. as sports director and activity counsellor and as a teacher and secretary in the Sunday School. Sister Cotter is happy with her mission call and the experience which she has had in proselyting thus far. She is labouring in the Auckland District with Sister Betty Manu.

After a brief honeymoon, ELDER JAMES H. KING of Seattle, Washington, and SISTER EVE PURVIS KING, formerly of Dunedin and Hastings, began their missions at Hui Tau and are now working in the Waikato District at Huntly. Elder King is well known to the people in New Zealand as this is his fifth mission here, the others being from 1904-1907, 1912-1913, 1950-1953, and 1954-1955. Before returning to New Zealand, Elder King was working as a painter and in the evenings he was called upon to give many talks on New Zealand and his experiences here. He was also able to attend the June and October sessions of Conference in Salt Lake before returning to us. He has come

Sister Palmer

to finish what he started on his other missions, for "The Lord's work is never done."

Sister King has desired a mission for the 18 years she has been converted to the Church, and previously family illness has not permitted her to come. Hence, the fulfilment of a dream. Her activity within the Church has well prepared her for her present duties. She has been both Sunday School Teacher, Y.W.M.I.A. President, Secretary of the Chapel Committee, District Primary 2nd Counsellor, District Genealogy Research

Director, Sunday School Organist, and a beneficial writer for the "T.K."

Arriving from the States on the "Mariposa" on the 22nd of April was ELDER ROBERT W. RUFFELL of Lyndon, Utah. His desire has been

Elder Ruffell

to come on a mission, and for the past 2½ years he has been working at an ammonia plant and the Geneva Steel Plant with this goal in mind. In the realm of Church activity he has played basketball and football on the ward M Men team, and been an assistant M.I.A. Scout Master. Elder Ruffell is especially happy to fill a mission in the homeland of his grandparents, Brother and Sister George A. Ruffell. Elder Ruffell is now labouring in the Bay of Islands District with Elder Roy B. Thomson as companion.

Travelling with Elder Ruffell was ELDER GILBERT KEITH FOWLER of Pocatello, Idaho. Elder Fowler has always desired to fulfill a

Elder Fowler

mission in New Zealand and in 1948, his uncle, George Clawson, did so. For the past two years Elder Fowler has been working on the Union Pacific Railroad and he has worked in Scouting as assistant Scout Master; he has also been 1st Counsellor in the Sunday School and Secretary of his Priests' Quorum, and active in Genealogy work which is one of his main interests. Elder Fowler is now labouring in Napier with Elder James E. Rice.

SOME MEN "TOO WISE TO BE TAUGHT"

"THERE are a great many wise men and women, too, in our midst who are too wise to be taught; therefore they must die in their ignorance, and in the resurrection they will find their mistake. Many seal up the door of heaven by saying, 'So far God may reveal and I will believe.'

"All men who become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ will have to receive the fullness of the ordinances of His kingdom; and those who will not receive all the ordinances will come short of the fullness of that glory, if they do not lose the whole."

Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p.309.

Priesthood Page

"PRIESTHOOD AND OFFICES IN THE PRIESTHOOD"

First—Offices in the Priesthood:

APPENDED to and growing out of the Melchizedek Priesthood are various offices; however, it is definitely understood, according to the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that the Melchizedek Priesthood embraces all offices and authority in the priesthood. This is clearly stated in modern revelation. (Doctrine & Covenants 107:5.) Dr. John A. Widtsoe gave the purpose of these offices as follows:

"This authority of priesthood is designed to assist men in all of life's endeavours, both temporal and spiritual. Consequently, there are divisions or offices in the Priesthood, each charged with a definite duty, fitting a special human need." (John A. Widstoe, *Program of the Church*, Salt Lake City, 1938, p.139.)

Since the work assigned to the Church is so varied and extensive, it was necessary for the Lord to devise a division of labour among those who hold the priesthood. This was accomplished through establishing the offices in the priesthood.

In the Melchizedek Priesthood there are six offices, namely:

"First, the elder, who is a standing home minister; second, the seventy, who is a travelling minister; third, the high priest, who is to administer in spiritual things and to preside as his calling in the Church requires; fourth, the patriarch, a high priest, who seals blessings upon the members of the Church; fifth, the apostle, who is a travelling counsellor, and special witness of the name of Jesus Christ in all the world; and sixth, the presidency of the High Priesthood, who have the right to officiate in all the offices of the priesthood." (John A. Widtsoe, *Program of the Church*, pp.111-112.)

The offices of the Aaronic Priesthood are: deacon, teacher, priest, and bishop; the latter also holds the Melchizedek Priesthood. J. B. Keeler explained the offices of the priesthood as follows:

"The officers are not parts of the Priesthood, as is sometimes erroneously said. Office means the service or duty to be performed; that is, a definite line of work to be followed. It is not correct to say that a person holds the Priesthood of Deacon, or the Priesthood of Teacher. Say rather that he holds the office of Deacon, or the office of Teacher." (J. B. Keeler, *Lesser Priesthood and Church Government*, Salt Lake City, 1929, p.28.)

President Joseph F. Smith explained this principle aptly as follows:

"There is no office growing out of this Priesthood that is or can be greater than the Priesthood itself. It is from the Priesthood that the office derives its authority and power. No office adds to the power of the Priesthood. But all offices in the Church derive their power, their virtue, their authority, from the Priesthood." (Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*, Salt Lake City, 1949, p.148.)

Second—Importance of Each Office in the Priesthood:

It is essential that all holders of the Priesthood recognize the importance of the Priesthood and also the value of the various offices in the Priesthood. It should be remembered that the Saviour placed the various offices in the Church for the purpose of building up the kingdom and performing all of the works of the Lord in righteousness. Every office in the Priesthood is of great importance. In regards to their importance, President Joseph F. Smith declared:

"I believe it to be the duty of the Church to recognize and acknowledge every man who holds an official position in it, in his sphere and in his calling. I hold to the doctrine that the duty of a teacher is as sacred as the duty of an apostle, in the sphere in which he is called to act, and that every member of the Church is as much in duty bound to honour the teacher who visits him in his home, as he is to honour the office and counsel of the presiding quorum in the Church. They all have the priesthood; they are all acting in their callings, and they are all essential in their places, because the Lord has appointed them and set them in His Church. We cannot ignore them; or, if we do, the sin will be upon our heads." (Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine,* pp.163-164.)

When one keeps the foregoing in mind, he is easily convinced that the Lord desires that each man should learn his duty and function in his offices in the Priesthood faithfully for the salvation of souls and the building of Zion.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD . . .

"A LEGACY OF EXPERIENCE"

There sometimes seems to be a disposition to assume that the lessons which another generation has learned don't apply to the present. And seemingly on this assumption, young people are often impatient with the counsel and cautioning of parents. But this they should know: that it is more foolish to spurn a legacy of experience than to spurn a legacy of goods or of gold.

There are two ways by which the lessons of life are learned: by our own experience and by the experience of others. When we read, we are drawing upon the experience of others. When we go to school, we are taught the experience of others. We learn of the laws or theories they have discovered, of the conclusions they have come to.

The experience of others is a great heritage, and the more we learn from it the less of life we waste. If every researcher insisted on going back to the beginning to perform all the experiments that all his predecessors had performed, life would largely be wasted in proving what had already been proved. If every explorer were to ignore all previous exploration, life would largely be wasted in finding what had already been found. If travellers were to ignore the road signs and danger signals, life could largely be wasted in repeating mistakes that other men have made.

We have a great heritage of revealed and discovered truth. But we lose a lot of life when we ignore what has repeatedly been proved and insist on going back to the beginning again and again.

And as to you who are young and sometimes impatient with the counsel and precautions of parents, this you should know: In their love for you, they are only trying to pass on to you a legacy of experience, even as they would pass on the knowledge of some timeless principles that do not change simply because the times have changed.

The more you can learn from the past, the less you will have to pay for the costly and painful process of trial and error. And deliberately throwing away experience from reliable sources is fully as foolish, if not more foolish, than deliberately throwing away tangibles.*

**From the Cross Roads* by Richard L. Evans, pp.171-172.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD

RESPECT FOR OUR LEADERS.

"Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls." (Hebrews 13:17.)

The Primary Mission Board extend their thanks and appreciation to all District and Branch Officers who attended Hui Tau and participated in the preparation and giving of the programme and their attendance at our Officers' and Teachers' Meeting. A special thank you to the children for their fine accomplishment.

Your August Birthday Service should be held on the 1st Sunday in August, also your Birthday Party which will be held on your second week of Primary. The Sunday Programme will be taken from your next Quarterly Standard. This gives you a good selection of material to choose from. We would like you to include two short talks and a Scripture Reading which will add to and help to put over your subject. You have the 5th week in June to start on your preparation of your programme. Please do not use your lesson time for practices, as the lessons are the most important of all.

LESSONS FOR JULY

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 99: Helping Our Heavenly Father.
2nd Week: Kindness.
3rd Week: Helpful and Happy.
4th Week: Truthfulness.

If these lessons are well prepared with pictures, the children will become more interested. Kindness and respect for each other in the home help to create a happy atmosphere. Children should be taught to be helpful and truthful when quite young. When parents or teachers make a promise, do be honest and try to keep it.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 114: Forgiveness.
2nd Week, Page 117: Forgiveness.
3rd Week, Page 123: Cheerfulness.
4th Week, Page 133: Reverence for the Name of the Lord.

Although we have two lessons on forgiveness they distinctly bring out two points. One, to help the children learn to forgive and the other to help the children understand that if they love others, they will forgive them, and then we must learn to do this cheerfully and be appreciative if we want happiness. We have taken the Easter lessons, so pass on to the very important lesson for these days, "Reverence of the Name of the Lord." Use your pictures, games and aids given to help put over your points. Show the children the Bible and have them read some of the stories for homework to let them know these come from the Bible, not just story books.

Trailbuilders:

1st Week: How's Your I.Q. in Trailbuilding?
2nd Week: Reverence.
3rd Week: His Brother's Keeper or Kites.
4th Week: Tithing.

First week is revision, but make it interesting and active; prepare the games as planned and do not just ask questions on their work. The Reverence lesson is a timely one and very inspirational. Take the time to prepare and make arrangements for the presentation of the Reverence Poem in Primary, and I am sure the Primary Presidency will be pleased to have you present it in the opening exercise next week. Teach the boys with the Lesson

on the Promise that their word should be as good as their bond, and this plays an important part in character building. If you take the kite lesson, prepare well and you will enjoy it and I am sure the boys will. Do not be afraid to ask a Priesthood member to help you if you need help to organize and instruct. Turn to page 139 for the fourth week. Teach the boys the importance of tithing so that they will want to pay it and not have to be forced. The Party for Mother will be held later in the year.

Homebuilders/Seagulls:

1st Week, Page 157: Home Nursing.
2nd Week, Page 162: We Believe in Being Honest and True.
3rd Week, Page 167: Benevolence.
4th Week, Page 172: Being True to One's Ideals.

There are five sheets for the Seagull Scrap Books for your lesson on Home Nursing. It is suggested that this lesson be held in a home. Be sure you have sufficient paper (see materials needed) for each girl for the activities.

One page for Scrap Books second week's lesson.

Read carefully "for your instructions" and be thoroughly prepared for your lesson on Benevolence.

Unfortunately Seagull Seals were omitted from the Zion order this year. We suggest you obtain stars or pretty stickers from your local stores to award the girls as they fill their requirements for jewels and graduation.

TO THE LAW AND TESTIMONY (Continued from Page 193)

and Heavenly. Thus in Romans, Chapter I, we read: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Now, if we carefully read through the Book of Exodus from Chapter 19 to Chapter 24, we will find that the Decalogue is inseparably connected with the Mosaic or Sinaitic Covenant. Exodus 19:5, 6, says, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me from among all peoples; for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." When these words were spoken to the children of Israel, this covenant was accepted by them in the following words: "And all the people answered together and said, 'All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.'" (Exodus 19:8.) Notice, please, the phrase, "My voice," as rendered in the previous quotation when the Lord spake through Moses. Apparently the Lord intended His words to be considered as a personal and direct address to the children of Israel. In Exodus 19:25, we read that God spake unto them, after three days. We have already noted the verse which immediately succeeds the catalogue of commandments in Deuteronomy 5:24. And, as is recorded in Exodus, they were struck with terror, and removed and stood afar off.

Such then was the giving of the law. If we will scan those chapters in Exodus very carefully, i.e., Chapters 19 to 24, we will discover that the children of Israel accepted no less than four times this covenant which the Lord made with them. Again we read, "And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it upon the people, and said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.'" And so the covenant was ratified and sealed. What covenant? Obviously the covenant relating to these words spoken—namely, the Ten Commandments, given to and defined for the children of Israel.

(To be continued.)

Genealogy

NOW that we are all settled down after Hui Tau, I trust that the inspiration you received there will be a stimulus in your Genealogical work. I can see it already bearing fruit by the number of group sheets received.

Please fill in all sheets as completely as possible. Check all dates. I received a sheet this week where in approximating the date they had that the child was 22 years older than the parents. Great care should be taken, for we want correct records. Guesswork is not sufficient.

Where you know there have been baptisms but you are unable to get the date, it will help us if you put M for Member and N.M. for Non-Member in the place where it calls for baptism date. This may save hours of research. It is also necessary to give the District in which they lived, so that we will know in which books they are recorded.

You have your District and Branch Genealogical officer and teachers who are there to assist you. Use them.

For those who are seeking Brother and Sister Howe's assistance in Research work, you can contact them at 1 Diomede Street, Bayswater, Auckland.

Where there are "Family Organizations," work through them. This will help to alleviate duplication and unnecessary work.

There have been four "Family Organizations" organized since last reporting. There may be more, but they have failed to report it to me. If you have an organization which has not been reported in the *Te Karere* will you please forward particulars, not to the Editor of the *Te Karere*, but to the Mission Genealogy.

We now have a supply of sheets for collecting necessary data from non-members, as shown at Hui Tau. These will be forwarded to you upon request. Every Family Organization should have some.

President Ballif has made a request that a picture be taken of each "Family Organization," that is to include all the descendants and the in-laws, and to write a short history of the family and give the number of generations and the number of children in each generation, commencing with the first member to join the Church (whether now alive or dead). This is to be used for publication and retained as history. At your next gathering will you please do this? Thank you! Who will be the first?

The 12th "Family Organization" was organized at Korongata on 7th April, 1957, and is known as the "Hapi-Reupena" Organization. The officers are: President, Ian Dennison; First Vice-President, Paddy Ruru; Second Vice-President, Tom Waihi; Secretary, Pricilla Ruru; Family Representative, Reremoana Kingi.

The 13th "Family Organization," the Runga and Haerengarangi Organization, was organized at the College on the 22nd April, 1957, with the following as officers: President, Eru Te Ngaio; Vice President, Joe Te Ngaio; Secretary and Treasurer, Marahea (Molly) Te Ngaio Taroawhiti; Genealogist, Olive Edwards; Historian, Emma Brown; Representative, Eru Te Ngaio.

The 14th "Family Organization," known as the William Hooper Christy and Apatu Organization, was organized at the College on the 22nd April, 1957. The officers are: President, William Christy; Vice President, Eru Cooper; Second Vice President, Ray Thompson; Secretary, Oliphant McKay; Historian, Paumea McKay; Genealogist, Mihi Harris; Assistant Genealogist, Sister Solomon; Family Representative, Eru Cooper.

The Takeri Ihia, Harria and Pearson Organization was organized at the College on the 22nd April, 1957, and is the 15th "Family Organization." Officers are: President, Great Price Harris; First Vice President, William Harris; Genealogist, Lester Harris; Historian, Emaraina Pearson; Secretary, Leona Watene; Family Representative, Lester Harris.

Relief Society

HERE is a suggested programme for the Relief Society meeting on the Sunday morning of the first round of Hui Parihas.

Opening song.

Invocation.

Welcoming remarks by the conducting officer.

Playette: "Haere Mai Ki Te Hui Atawhai (copies of which have been sent).

Song: Own choice to correlate with above play.

Talk by a Relief Society member: (a) "How I Overcome My Problems in Order to Attend Relief Society;" or (b) "What Relief Society Has Done for Me Through Regular Attendance Over the Past Twelve Months"; or (c) "What I Have Done to Improve Relief Society Attendance."

Closing remarks.

Song.

Benediction.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE "DEDICATION HUI TAU"

Music:

There are still copies of "Lord We Dedicate This House to Thee" available at the Mission Office. The second song found in the blue song book will have a slightly different arrangement, "Let's Oft Speak Kind Words to Each Other." Because of the message contained therein, we would like you to *sing the chorus first*, followed by the verse, and then proceed in the usual manner. As mentioned at Hui Tau, we hope to have every sister in the Mission know these two songs and join in the singing at 1958 Hui Tau.

Handwork:

Auckland: One article from the Samoans and one from the Tongans. These articles will be typical of the islands and people they represent. One evening frock and underslip. A real floral or dry arrangement.

Bay of Islands: Shell novelties. Soft toys, Kie-Kie kit.

Bay of Plenty: One piu piu and pois.

Hauraki: A Tapau or Waariki.

Hawkes Bay: A Friendship quilt. Six jars preserved fruit. (A variety.)

King Country: Night attire and a party frock (6-year-old.)

Mahia: A quilt (own pattern). A dressed doll.

Manawatu: A young lady's street outfit and accessories (inexpensive).

Otago: Three novelty aprons and one child's dress.

Wairau: Patchwork breaktast cloth and something made from a flour bag.

Poverty Bay: A house frock and apron.

Taranaki: Afghan.

Wairarapa: A young lady's outfit from used clothing. A young lady's hat.

Waikato: Three jams. Three jellies (a variety). A young lady's night attire.

Wellington: A baby's shawl (it can be something other than knitted; embroidered Viyella, for instance). A baby's trousseau consisting of the following *knitted articles*: Matinee jacket, dress, bonnet, bootees, pilchers.

Whangarei: A variety of floral work. A Maori clock. Taniko Pari. Taniko headband.

There is no need, we are sure, to stress the importance of neatness, "finish" and everything else that goes with Relief Society handwork as this work will be seen and examined by hundreds of people from the Islands, America, Australia and all parts of New Zealand; we know that YOU would like this exhibition to be a worthy representation of the Relief Society Sisters of New Zealand.

Sunday School

HOW important is Record Keeping? This question is not only directed to the Sunday School secretaries but also to all auxiliary secretaries. To many this business of keeping records is a very dry and tiresome job, and very few pay attention to it. Some take the attitude that if records are filled in a bit sloppy or a bit inaccurate, "She's right, we'll get it better the next time." "If we don't get it exactly right somebody will come around and straighten us out."

This attiude is a very grievous thing in our Father in Heaven's sight. Did He not ask, "Are you not your brother's keeper?" You as a secretary may reply, "Well, what does record keeping and being my brother's keeper have to do with each other?" The following may help you understand just a bit better.

WE, THE CONGEGATION, DEPEND ON YOU. You place our name with the seal of the Priesthood on the books so that when we have to face our Creator and answer for the use of the talents He has given us, we will have something to show. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the Devil) whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Revelations 20:12, 15; 13:8.)

Joseph Smith has more to say on this subject. "You will discover in this quotation that the books were opened; and another book was opened, which was the book of life; but the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works; consequently, the books spoken of must be the books which contained the *record of their works, and refer to the records which are kept on the earth* . . . Wherein it is granted that whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Or, in other words, taking a different view of the translation, whatsoever you record on earth shall be recorded in heaven, and whatsoever you do not record on earth shall not be recorded in heaven . . . It may seem to some to be a very bold doctrine that we talk of—a power which records or binds on earth and binds in heaven. Nevertheless, in all ages of the world, whenever the Lord has given a dispensation of the priesthood to any man by actual revelation, or any set of men, this power has always been given. Hence, whatsoever those men did in authority, in the name of the Lord, and did it truly and faithfully, and kept a proper and faithful record of the same it became a law on earth and in heaven, and could not be annulled, according to the decrees of the great Jehovah . . . " (D. & C. 128:5-9.)

You secretaries have been given the keys pertaining to your office. You have been set apart by the priesthood of God. To many it may seem a trivial thing, this setting apart, but we understand even more now. It gives

you the keys (the rights and powers) to act in your office. Keep an accurate record. "Be honest with yourself." Make sure your records are in on time and that you figure and compile correctly. REMEMBER — WE THE CONGREGATION DEPEND ON YOU. "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand." (D. & C. 107:99-100.)

SACRAMENT GEM FOR JUNE

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life."

(John 6:27.)

THE FIRST ARTICLE OF FAITH (Continued from Page 190)

It is not the badge of the weak as many suppose. There is a vast difference between humility and servility; and it takes men of strength with the courage of conviction to stand stoutly for the truth, spiritual truth that is not always popular in its exactions and restraints.

I know that He lives. I have felt the virtue of His divine power and I know that He will come again to assume in person the headship of His Kingdom.

The First Article of Faith is the foundation on which to lay the whole structure of religion.*

**Our Prophets and Principles,* Instructor, 1956, pp.9-11.

VIRTUE IS ITS OWN REWARD (Continued from Page 191)

like a more colourful service. No other service, no matter how elaborate, could ever compare with the simple beauty of the quiet room, where you and your husband-to-be, along with a few close friends and members of your family, gather. President David O. McKay gives us a glimpse of the significance of such a marriage.

The bridegroom kneeling at the altar has in his heart the dearest possession that a husband can cherish—the assurance that she who places her hand in his, in confidence, in marriage, is as pure as a sunbeam—as spotless as the snow newly fallen from the sky. He has the assurance that in her sweetness and purity she typifies divine motherhood.

The reward of virtue is a quiet conscience—the right to answer every question without reservation—the right to look every man in the eye without an accusing conscience. It is the right to pass on to your children and your children's children, a clean record, a clean heritage, a good name.

We cannot cheat. We cannot avoid consequences. We may be able to fool the world but we cannot fool ourselves and we cannot deceive God. SO BE VIRTUOUS.

Church News, April 13, 1957, pp.2, 19.

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DEAR Co-workers,

We are grateful to everyone who participated and assisted with the Programmes and Activities at our recent Hui Tau. We are also exceptionally happy to know that you were present at our Instructional Meeting at Hui Tau and that the stimulation received there will be taken back to the Branches and Districts to carry on throughout the year. As leaders in this great organisation much of the success depends upon the efforts we put into our individual responsibility.

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There is not a creature, from England's King,
To the peasant that delves the soil,
That knows half the pleasures the seasons bring,
If he have not his share of toil.

—Anonymous.

Maori Culture Group Potential . . . Do you use it ?

THE Auckland District M.I.A. Maori Culture Group, shown above after a performance on board the "Monterey," began with the desire to learn the traditional dances and songs of the Maori people, to keep alive the culture, and to learn and teach appreciation of this heritage. With these goals in mind, the M.I.A. has sponsored and taught the action songs and hakas of the Maori people. With the learning of this art those performing have gradually developed a greater appreciation and love for each other as individuals, and especially has the need of unity and its value in achievement been brought forcefully to their attention. They know that only with the virtues of love, unity and hard work coupled with unselfishness can they accomplish the desires of their hearts. They have learned that there is *no* phase of life, be it dance groups or every-day activities, in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not effective and a blessing as its principles are lived. This particular troupe has given a great deal of pleasure and enjoyable learning through their performances. They have been wonderful ambassadors of "good will" to both our people and those not of our faith. At the request of the Matson Shipping Lines they perform on board ship at each sailing, and they stimulate the interst of watchers towards our Church. The results of their activities have not only been a spiritual blessing, but a material blessing. Each district should have a Maori Culture Group, but the important thing is, if you do, "What have you done with the potential of your Maori Culture Group?"

Featuring the Districts

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

Greetings, everyone, from Sunny Northland to the icy regions of Invercargill.

Auckland First Branch:

On the 7th of the month our Sunday evening service was conducted by the M.I.A., their theme being found in Jacob 4:10. The speakers, supported by the M.I.A. chorus, a trio and an instrumental number, presented a truly inspiring rendition of the theme.

The fine instructions given at Hui Tau helped our various departments greatly. Consequently all organizations are working harmoniously.

Our dances are still being well supported, and with mixed dancing and talented vocalists participating, a very enjoyable evening is being had by all who attend.

There were few changes of our district missionaries at Hui Tau. To those who were transferred, we wish you every success in your new districts, and we welcome our newcomers.

STATISTICS

Baptisms.—Clarence Nuku Tewhenua Ihaka, Clarence Richard Ihaka, Peter Horrocks, Allison Horrocks, Henry Purcell, Samuel Brunt.

Blessings.—Violet Loraine Harden, Rona Vaasili Fiso, Arnold Charlie Hansen.

We would like to gratefully thank all those who so kindly donated money at Hui Tau towards our L.D.S. Samoan band; this will help greatly in the cost of instruments. Once again, thank you.

Auckland Second Branch:

Although still recuperating from Hui Tau, our branch auxiliaries have put on some fine Sunday evening services. Primary officers and teachers worked very hard to produce a very inspiring programme on the 5th. The parents who had children participating in the service were, I am sure, amazed at the poise and self-assurance displayed by the young folk. Parents! Continue to send your children to Primary; watch them grow into fine young citizens.

We offer congratulations to the following for their excellent work in achieving their awards in M.I.A. Junior Gleaners: Betty Paerata, Laura Skudder, Eliza Kiel, Rona Schaumkel, Ofa Schaumkel, Olly Ahmu.

Beehives: Kellani Harris, Gail Chote, Glennis Raumati.

The efforts these girls have put towards these awards have made others realize Mutual is the place for them. To you non-attending members we say "Come and join us" and you, too, can be counted among those who win awards. We assure you movies and Rock 'n Roll can never be compared with the enjoyment found at our M.I.A. activities.

Tamaki Branch:

On Easter week-end a large number of our Saints travelled to the much-awaited Hui Tau. For some it was the first time and for others another milestone. They witnessed what could be described as the "Spirit of Hui Tau."

On Sunday, 5th, the Primary children presented a programme emphasizing the theme of "Reverence in the House of the Lord." Sisters Deverick, Carol Hayward, Kiri Peihopa, and Gloria Kelly led them in objective lesson playettes and singing.

The M.I.A. is now in a happy position to organize a Scout troop. Brother Don Fraser and another Scout leader in the district tested the boys, and they all passed with flying colours.

A pleasant surprise to all was the

marriage of Sister Daisy Palmer to a childhood friend, John Henry, from the Great Barrier. President Ballif performed the marriage at the home of the bride. Many friends and relatives were there to wish them well.

North Shore Branch:

Hui Tau has passed once more and from all accounts it was a source of inspiration and instruction to all those who attended. For a few of us who were unable to attend Hui Tau there was a special service held on Good Friday morning at "The Olde House" and a Sacrament meeting on Sunday evening. Although we were few in numbers, the Spirit of the Lord was there with us.

The following Sunday evening we were delighted to receive a surprise visit from President and Sister Ballif and daughter, Maralyn. At the same time we were also able to welcome our two new missionaries, Elder Anderson and Elder Shy, who have come to labour on the Shore. We take this opportunity to say "Au Revoir" to Elder Jorgensen and Elder Dimond and to wish them success in their new mission field.

On May 4th the Junior Aaronic Priesthood class held a sausage sizzle at the "Olde House." It was originally planned by their teacher, Brother Dil, to be an open air camp-fire affair, but the weather drove them indoors in no uncertain terms. However, nothing could dampen these young enthusiasts who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Sunday evening service on May 5th was given by the Primary with Sister Broederlow conducting. The children, as usual, gave an excellent performance. Brother Ken Murfitt has been appointed our new Primary Supervisor while Brother Broederlow is now Supervisor to the M.I.A.

Our congratulations to Brother Pederson who has been advanced to Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Released this month were Brother Sadler as Enlistment Director of Sunday School and Sister Sadler as Mia Maid Teacher in the M.I.A.

L.D.S. COLLEGE

By Peter Sloan

Hello, the Mission! This is the New Zealand College, that ever-changing place in the Waikato, with more news and information about itself. We say that those who visited us during the Hui Tau hardly recognized the place as it is going ahead in leaps and bounds.

With the roof on the temple and David O. McKay building, there has begun an enormous amount of hard work so as to realize our goal of dedication, early in 1958.

The temple is almost ready for the outside to be painted as the plasterers have nearly finished the outside columns. The rate of progress being made both spiritually and physically has never been equalled before in the history of New Zealand, we know. If it wasn't for our inspired leaders and you people in the districts who are supporting us, we would be lost. If the number of visitors here is any indication of our influence as a Church, then a marvellous work and a wonder is taking place in New Zealand for there are more tours than ever before. These people come from all over the Pacific to see our project and inquire into our beliefs.

We lost at Hui Tau some of our loved friends and missionaries and we wish to thank them for all their service to us and God that they have given. We wish them well. They are the never forgotten departed. At this time, however, we welcome those who joined us and hope they will enjoy their stay. Anyone who will work for the Lord is welcome here always.

All the auxiliaries in our branch are working as near to perfection as is possible for them.

Blessings.—Raylene Hippolite and Jonny Fitsemanu.

Engagement.—Brother Dick Marsh and Sister Elaine Te Ngaio (married soon).

May God bless you people in the district and we wish you all well till we meet again in the "T.K."

Sincerely, the College.

BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Elder G. H. Bailey

Greetings! While Sister Rodgers is visiting Nuhaka, I shall try to acquaint you with the events of the month.

We welcome home Rakapa Parata from a short holiday in Rotorua, and we feel those whom he visited enjoyed his presence.

With the Hui Tau came the usual shuffling of missionaries, and we were sorry to lose Elders Pierson, Topham and Rasmussen. We want them to know that they have done a very fine job and the district extends thanks for their services. To replace them, Elders Hansen, Lords and Buckley have been called. To them we wish a hearty welcome and hope their stay will be pleasant and prosperous in the work of the Lord.

Those due for congratulations this month for advancement in the Priesthood are: Brother Arthur Holland, who was advanced to the Melchizedek Priesthood during Hui Tau, and Brother Ray Ritche who has been made a Priest. This Kawerau group is growing . . . from 1 to 46 members in three years! Looks like Branch material soon. We also extend our congratulations to Sister Jewel Quigg who has been made a member of the Mission Sunday School Board.

Our Hui Pariha is just around the corner and Brother Pera Tengaio has scheduled a District Leadership meeting. I mention this to give thanks to Brother Tengaio for the grand job he is doing and to thank the branch and district officers for the wonderful way they have supported him. In the past nearly 100 percent of the district and branch officers have attended these meetings and I'm sure the results will show up in the College Assessments and in increased efficiency in the branch organizations. To these leaders in the district we should show our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Kia Kaha, Brethren, and cheerio for now.

MAHIA DISTRICT

By Riripeti Ataria

Hui Tau has come and gone. What a spiritual feast. If nutured it will "blossom like a rose." No one can say "This meeting was best." Like the perfect organization that it is, all parts are essential. How blessed we are to be members. "Actions speak louder than words." Time will prove our worth.

No sickness, safe travelling, no accidents, beautiful weather—how grateful we all were to our Heavenly Father.

Our M.I.A. President, Sister Huia Christy, and her band of willing workers toiled unceasingly to raise funds so that our young members, who fall from one to six per family, could attend Hui Tau.

A concert, dance, sales table, donations and a bazaar were all put over successfully. The assistance given by one of our school teachers, Mr. P. Ihaka, who travelled with the Maori group to Australia last year, was appreciated.

Proselyting missionaries are Elder James C. Phillips and Elder Gene Buss in this district; however, they are skirting the fringes of the Mahia District and rarely are seen in the hub of "things."

On the 27th April the Nuhaka Branch President, Brother James M. Brown, had the privilege of marrying Leslie George Gilbert of Christchurch to Mary Taumata, only daughter of Brother and Sister Harry Taumata of Opoutama. The Ruawharo Hall was sweetly decorated by Huia, Josephine, Daisy Rarere and Daphne Pere. Huia was chief bridesmaid and she also made the bride's frock which was beautiful. Brother Willie Walker, 1st Counsellor in the Nuhaka Branch, was a most efficient Master of Ceremonies. Sister E. M. Brown was organist.

With Donald Mitchell discharged from hospital after many weeks with rheumatic fever, we hoped the Mitchells would be set, but now our Peter

had to undergo a bone operation. He is improving nicely.

Under the supervision of Sister Marjory Christy, President, the Primary children presented a well-received programme. The mothers were treated with shell work gifts and a special bouquet for Grandma Heni Te Kawui, who is 82 years old. Mother's Day programmes were carcied out in both the Nuhaka and Wairoa Sunday Schools.

Of special mention is the music furnished in the Branch meetings by the Deacons' and Adult choirs under the supervision of Sister Rebecca Smith and Sister Heni Christy respectlvely, as they truly "enhance" the hour.

Another full-time donor of our Temple-College project has heeded the missionaries' call. Brother and Sister Moraro Walker have joined the throng. That adds 12 full-time donors from our Branch now at the College. Poor Nuhaka; but do not worry, we will strive to keep the flag up.

When the College truck came for Bro. Mo's stuff, Sister Turei Ataria headed a band of sisters in collecting food. Very near Brother Mo's stuff had to be left. For a certainty some food had to be left because the truck was too full. We were happy to have Brother Taka Panere as driver.

The genealogy vacancies occasioned by the transfer of Brother Moraro Walker, District Chairman, and Sister Parae, Secretary, have now been filled by Brother Turei Ataria and Sister Riripeti Ataria. As a result of a visit by the district genealogical officers, meetings were subsequently held in the Kauiku and Wairoa Branches.

The branches are now preparing College projects and Nuhaka Branch has the ground ready for early potatoes.

Brother Dave Nepia and Michael McKenzie are both reported improving after serious illnesses. The former was transferred from the Wairoa Hospital to Wellington for observation. Brother Michael is still in the Wairoa Hospital awaiting an operation. Big health germs to you all.

Brother Paul McLean was especially thrilled to receive a radio phone call from the Christmas Islands. His son Dennis of H.M.S. Rotoiti was saying hello.

STATISTICS

Blessings:

Emma and Poneke Greening, children of Brother Dempsey and Sister Barbara Greening, blessed by Elder Tamahau Haronga.

Baptisms:

William Taylor, baptized by Elder Epanaia Christy and confirmed by Elder George Solomon.

Materoa Ataria, baptized and confirmed by Elder Twiei Ataria.

Hira Paenga Christy, baptized and confirmed by Elder Epanaia Christy.

Olivia Whariki Christy, baptized by Brother Sydney W. Christy, confirmed by Elder William H. Christy.

Olive Kate McKenzie, baptized by Brother Sydney W. Christy, confirmed by Elder Nolan W. Curtis.

Hori Oliver McKenzie, baptized by Brother Sydney W. Christy, confirmed by Elder Epanaia Christy.

Michael Matthew McKenzie, baptized by Brother Sydney W. Christy, confirmed by Elder James C. Phillips.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

The 21st birthday of Sister Marlene Kingi of Korongata was celebrated in the Assembly Hall, Hastings, where over 300 guests, Pakeha and Maori, sat down to have dinner, followed with dancing. Many beautiful presents were received. Mr. John Bennett, headmaster of the Te Hauke School (where Marlene is also a teacher), proposed the toast in her honour. Sis-Marlene and her mother, Sister Rere, were among the very first missionaries at the College in its beginning. She is a very faithful, diligent and active girl over all her life in her Church work first and foremost, and in community activities.

News from the branches have not come in as it should, but from my observations Hui Tau preparations and practices were the main activities for this month in the M.I.A. and choir departments.

Our Leadership meeting was held April 14th prior to going to Hui Tau and all instructions were finalized for our district assignments there.

Congratulations, Sister Wai and Bill.

To all our people in hospitals and at home we do send you all big health germs. Get well soon.

Cheerio, everybody!

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

It is now 15 months since I wrote my first report for this district and I have had many nice things to tell you. I have lost count of the baptisms and other things that have been performed, but there is one thing that I have not forgotten and that is our debt to the Temple-College fund. Now I can forget that, too, as we were told in our district leadership meeting for April that we are now clear of debt and actually have a small credit in our favour. We would sincerely like to thank all those members who have helped in "wiping out" this debt and hope that the district will not fall behind again. Our special thanks go to the District President, Elder O. P. Pearce, and Sister Pearce for their inspiration and encouragement.

In all branches most of April was taken up with preparations for Hui Tau and Elders Campbell and Burbidge left New Plymouth early to help with prepartaions at the College. Everyone who attended Hui Tau really enjoyed themselves and have returned full of enthusiasm to improve and progress.

At Utiku the members held a farewell for Elder R. Anderson who has been transferred to Auckland. The whole district will miss this most popular and talented Elder. We all offer him our thanks for the help he has given us all in learning the Gospel and showing us how to live it. Elder Kaufman and his new companion, Elder M. Robinette, are spending most of their time at Waiouri where things look very promising.

In Wanganui we have had two new baptisms, but it seems as if we no sooner bring new members into the branch when some of our old members leave us. Because Sister Raina Phillips and her family have left, we have had to release her two daughters from positions in the auxiliaries. Sister Joyce Malcom was released as secretary of Primary and a teacher of Sunday School, and her sister, Sister Mihi Mohi, as Relief Society secretary. We will miss this family and thank them for the great help they have been to us. Joyce and her mother left before we could say goodbye to them, but on April 16th the branch was able to farewell Sister Mihi.

Elder Gee, who has been transferred to Kaikohe, was also farewelled at this party which was one of the best we have ever had. I dont' think I have heard so much laughter in a long time. We will miss Elder Gee and wish him well in his new district.

Two of our most well-known Sisters have been very ill this month and we are very pleased to see both Sisters Harris and Stent well again. The Priesthood completed painting Sister Harris' home just before Hui Tau. Looks rather nice, too.

We have had a real "swapping around" of Elders and so you will know who we have in the district here they are: New Plymouth: Elders C. M. Campbell and D. B. Green. Utiku: Elders L. Kaufman and M. Robinette. Wanganui: Elders O. K. Spencer and L. D. Burbidge, Jr., and for a short time Elder and Sister O. P. Pearce.

Baptisms. — Janice Anderson by Elder R. Gee; Mamanu Ngtea by Wm. Katene, both confirmed by Elder Othello P. Pearce.

KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Elder Arvin J. Lords

A hello to all you readers of the "T.K."

Here we are once again with Hui Tau over for another year. I hope that everyone enjoyed it like we did.

The Matakowhai Branch enjoyed a visit from the mission officers, Elder Hymas and Elder Briggs, and district officers, Elders Ferrin and Olsen.

To Sister Maud Kawhaser we say congratulations. She was baptized on the 29th of February and is now a member of the Kingdom of God.

A home M.I.A. has been organized in the Matakowhai Branch with Brother Paki in charge and Daphni Hale as secretary.

The Matakowhai Branch took a tractor-trailer ride around the beach to hold their meetings at Sister P. Williams. There were 16 children and five adults, and plenty of kai for all. Everyone had an enjoyable time and thus the 114th anniversary of the Relief Society was celebrated in Matakowhai.

Brian Rameka has left for Titirangi where he will attend the School for the Deaf and Dumb. We wish him luck with his schooling.

We wish to say so long and God bless you to Elder Walgren who is leaving us shortly after Hui Tau. I know he will be missed here in King Country where he laboured this past year.

The Elders of King Country have been changed once again with Elders G. Ferrin going to the Auckland District and Elder A. Lords exchanging the buzz of saws for the sulphur of Rotorua. May the Lord bless them in their work.

Congratulations to Huiatahi Taitumu and Janet Hill who were married by Elder Darwin Olsen on the 22nd March. The wedding took place in the home of Brother and Sister Steve Taniora of Owhango with a number of close friends attending.

A farewell was held on March 26th for Mari Te Kare by the Otorohanga M.I.A. She had been secretary preceding this time and her proficiency and hard work which helped guide the M.I.A. will surely be missed. We wish her and her husband-to-be all they desire in life.

On the 30th of March a huge gala day was held at the Aria Domain with the idea of raising money for the College. It was a beautiful day and hundreds of people gathered as they poured into the grounds to see basketball and football tournaments, races, games, a talent show, and to enjoy the delicious hangi which was prepared by the Aria Saints. The festivities of the day were highlighted with the presentation of trophies to the lucky winners and with a dance in the Aria Hall that evening.

The Priesthood holders of the Pureora, Te Kuiti and Otorohanga areas have been working on a fence project that will raise funds for the District Budget. We wish to say so long to Brother and Sister Gibbling who left Pureora and moved to the Great Barrier where they will be engaged in work at the whale station.

We hope that all had an enjoyable time this past Easter.

STATISTICS

Blessings.—Thomas Rene Tairua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homi Tairua, blessed by Elder Darwin Olsen, March 12th. Ramona Elizabeth Tairua, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tairua, blesed by Elder Glaydon Ferrin, March 14th. Marcana Kopa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Te Waru Kopa, blessed by Elder Darwin Olsen, March 15th. Mati Alfred Taiumu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Huiatahi Taitumu, blessed by Elder Darwin Olsen, March 22nd. Nini Ann Taitumu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huiatahi Taitumu, blessed by Elder Robert Walgren, March 22nd. Jeanette Hinerangi Grace, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Arthur Grace, blessed by Elder Darwin Olsen, April 2nd. Jennifer Susan Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey, blessed by Elder Glaydon Ferrin, April 2nd

WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. M. McDonald, Jr.

Greetings to everyone; we hope everyone enjoyed Hui Tau as much as those of our members who made it. By all accounts, College and Temple will really be crowded when the Temple is dedicated. Correlation meetings are being more successful each month, and our last, held on the 4th May, with an attendance of 15 adults augurs well for the coming year. Main topic, of course, was Hui Tau and the forthcoming Hui Pariha to be held at Nelson on the 12th. Future correlation meetings will continue to be held at 9 a.m. to allow those athletic members to take part in the afternoon sports. Now to feature the branches.

Madsen Branch:

Not much to report this month. Weather has been poor, and for three weeks the boys were unable to get out fishing. The only fine day came along on the Elders' Quorum fishing project. Brothers Rangi and Jim Elkington, Jr., attended Hui Tau and considered the trip well worth all the effort.

Nelson Branch:

Fourteen members made the trip to Hui Tau and all were amazed wtih the progress at the College. Those footballers who went had their eyes on the football cup, so watch out College next Hui Tau.

The L.D.S. team is improving and is on the fringe of success in the Senior B indoor basketball championship.

Congratulations to Pene Hippolite on his marriage to Tami McGregor at the Porirua Chapel by John Elkington.

Picton Branch:

Sister Kate Mason attended Hui Tau and the district is pleased that she was able to be there. On the 12th April she was instrumental in the holding of a shop day which realized £28. May she and her helpers continue to be blessed in their efforts.

Sunday School held each Sunday by the two Elders continues, and a home meeting held at the residence of Brother Matangi, attended by 16 members, augurs well for the future.

Grovetown Branch:

Brother Manny McDonald, his wife and some of the family combined Hui Tau with a tour of the North Island and enjoyed the two weeks very much. We are pleased to have Elder Tonks still with us and welcome Elder Roskelly to the sunniest district in New Zealand. Sunday School shows a small increase as does M.I.A. with an average attendance of 30. The parents of non-members are pleased with the work being done by the M.I.A. and are giving their support when necessary. A large farewell was given to Elder Buckley last month and a gathering of 76 showed the esteem in which Elder Buckley was held.

Condolences to the relatives of Mrs. Roka McDonald whose funeral was held at Canvastown on Monday, 6th May, by Elders Tonks and Roskelly. Sister McDonald has been ill for several years and passed away at the Wairau Hospital.

That about gives all the news for this month, so until next month, cheerio for now.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Delia Steele

Greetings from the Manawatu District, and a big "Hello" to the Brothers and Sisters from this district who are working at the College.

On the 13th April, Palmerston North had a Pot Luck Dinner and farewell for Sister Patricia Te Hira, who has terminated her missionary labours. During the short while Sister Patricia was here in the Manawatu District, she endeared herself to everyone, and we are hoping to see her here again some day. All the best to you, Sister Patricia. The farewell was very well attended, and the evening was passed with games, singing, etc. Sis-

ter Patricia was presented with a beautiful brooch and ear-ring set from the branch.

Just a little news from the Home Sunday School at Feilding. It is coming along in leaps and bounds and on the 14th April the sacrament was administered to the members for the first time. We in the district are keeping an eye on Feilding and wishing those officers who are in charge all the best, and also the missionaries who are there; may their labours be rewarded. Elder Bingham was previously in Palmerston North, but he and Elder Smith are now labouring in Feilding.

Dannevirke gave a farewell party to Elder and Sister Bott on the 15th April. These Botts are hard to keep up with; one minute they are in Invercargill and the next minute here in Palmerston North; now they are in the Waikato District! Still, what is our loss is someone's gain. The party was a great success.

On the 4th May, the Palmerston North Branch gave a kitchen tea for Sister Uira Morell. This was well attended, and Sister Uira received some very useful presents for her kitchen. This lovely evening was also a "thank you" to Sister Uira for all the work that she had put into the branch before her illness.

Dannevirke is still in the news with the marriage of Charlene Mihaere and Mr. Colin Bloor. The wedding was attended by about 200 guests and we wish this couple all the best in their future life together. Also another wedding of great interest to the members of the district was the marriage of Sister Te Uira Morell and Mr. Robert Cripps; this couple was married on the 11th of May at the chapel in Tamaki and the reception was held in Dannevirke where about 200 guests regaled with items and a beautiful wedding breakfast. We wish Uira and Bob all the best in their new life.

A great surprise to everyone in the Tamaki Branch and to his friends throughout the district was the engagement of Takana Richard Marsh to Elaine Te Ngaio of Mahia. Brother Dick and Sister Te Ngaio are both working at the College.

On the 2th April, Sister Rewa Meha celebrated her 21st birthday with a party at the Labour Hall in Dannevirke. The birthday party was under the direction of Sister Joy Abbott who did a splendid job. A good orchestra and a delicious supper contributed to an enjoyable occasion which will, no doubt, be long remembered with pleasure.

Genealogy meetings are held in Dannevirke on Tuesday evenings and in Palmerston North on Friday evenings; instruction in genealogy work is given by Sister Ada Wood.

The Palmerston North Branch welcomes Elder Paul Woolstenhulme, Elder Harold Wolfgramm, and Sister Kura Palmer. We wish these missionaries the best here in the Manawatu District and I know that even in the short time they have been here they have made an impression on the members of the Church. All the best to you.

The wee daughter of Brother and Sister Arthur Nikora was blessed in the Tamaki Chapel and given the name Apikaira Cacpia Nikora. Also Brother and Sister Douglas Strother's little daughter was blessed and given the name Cheryl Delma Strother.

On the first Sunday of May a Primary programme was held in the Tamaki Chapel; the children knew their parts and the programme went over very well, and we must indeed thank the officers for the work they put into it.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

Looking back over the events of the past months, one cant' help but notice the great progress of the work in this district. Never has the district before witnessed such a large number of converts being baptized into the Church in so short a time; though the year is only half through, 1957 will to many be remembered as the "Converts' Year."

Playing the greater part in the spreading of the Gospel here and being responsible for many of the baptisms are our proselyting missionaries, and recently a baptismal service was held by them at Porirua, and again many passed through the waters of baptism becoming members of the branches throughout the district. We welcome them amongst us. They are: Sisters Maureen, Kathleen and Leonie Willoughby, Margaret Barton, Patricia Dawson, Agea Brown, Margaret Deaven, Hui Tau Moriarty, Hinekauwa Elkington, and Brothers George Donahue and Leo Parata, Jr.

We welcome Elders Sheffield, Brown, Taylor, Tweedie, Gold, Dimond, Topham and Sister Davis to the district and assure them that now the greatest time of their mission life has begun. At the same time we thank Elders Adams, Carr, Sperry, Runnels, Stevenson, and Sister Mana Manu for the fine services they gave here in furthering along this great work, and we wish them continued success in their new districts.

Appointed as M.I.A. leader for the district is Brother George Tuau, who we are fortunate in having permanently in our district from Gisborne.

Leaving the district for the College were Brother and Sister Prim Harris of Wellington and Brother Tata Parata, Jr., of Hutt, and Brothers Akuhata Wineera and Jim Hammond of Porirua.

We are glad to hear from the Hutt of the recovery of little Roberta Walker who some time ago was a victim of a road accident.

The Hutt Branch, who had for years held their meetings at the Horticultural Hall, had to seek another hall for this fine building was destroyed by fire recently and all properties owned by the Church were salvaged.

Best wishes are sent to Sister Yvonne Domney on her recent engagement.

Porirua started off with cupid ringing wedding bells this time for Brother Maahu Wineera and Lois Minett of Christchurch, who were united together at the Porirua Chapel in a beautiful ceremony service with the reception being held in the Recreation Hall. Also married at the Chapel in very impressive ceremonies were Brother Te Nana Tahau, son of Brother and Sister Eric Tahau of Hastings, and Sister Marilyn Skudder, formerly of Auckland. Also Brother Pene Hippolite, son of Brother and Sister Ben Hippolite of Nelson, and Sister Elizabeth (Tammy) McGregor, also of Nelson.

A very wonderful and enjoyable programme was conducted by the Primary organization where children under their President, Sister Waitohi Elkington, showed just what they learn at Primary. Also a special Sunday School programme was conducted on Mother's Day where all Mothers were honoured.

We do "welcome home" Brother and Sister Frank Hippolite who have returned from completing their mission at the College and we say, "It's good to have you both home again!"

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OTAGO DISTRICT

By L. Clemmens

Christchurch Branch:

Meetings held at 75 Gloucester Street. Phone 65-625 (Elders).

Greetings from the "Mainland." Our branch reporter is away this month browsing somewhere in Otago and I trust that the following news will be in keeping with the past.

We extend a special invitation to all of you to visit the Mainland at any time, to enjoy with us the spirit of companionship and the beauty of weather and Fall in her glory. (Note: Brother Clemens gave a most beautiful description of the country and weather, but due to lack of space and the fact that you are needed in your own district, I have been forced to delete it.—K.S.B.)

Well, now that Canterbury has sent the Ranfurly and Plunket Shields away to Wellington for a couple of

years, Christchurch has settled down to more serious things on hand, especially in Church work. I have noticed quite a difference lately. We have increased attendances at all our meetings. We are now holding Sunday Schools at Harewood, Kaiaboi, Lyttelton, and Christchurch City. In Christchurch under the leadership of Sister Ruth Willon the Sunday School is certainly on the up. One interesting fact is that Judith Snelling has a class now of 15 youngsters. We thank you, Judith, for your unfailing interest in your class. It augurs well for the future of the Church here.

The M.I.A. under Brother Baden Pere has had a revival since Hui Tau. Our M.I.A. meetings are held every Wednesday. This day suits the members much better than the usual Tuesday.

During the past three months our branch membership has been supplemented with more lovely new Maori members. This should certainly help in building our Maori culture programme, and we are proud to have them with us. If any of you from up North are contemplating moving down here, come on; you're more than welcome!!

To give you some idea of the growth of our branch, during the past year 24 chairs for seating were plenty. Today we have 54 chairs with another 32 on order.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend Hui Tau wil never forget the wonderful time which was had by all. The eye-opener was the progress which had been made on all the buildings during the past year. Already many are saving to attend the dedication of the temple.

Sister Smith, a recent convert, had the misfortune to injure her ankle a while back; it was good to see her again last Sunday.

The usual shift of Zion Elders at Hui Tau left us lamenting the loss of the following Elders whom we surely miss: Elders R. M. Shy, L. K. Tolman, A. H. Taylor, J. E. Rice, G. D. Halls, and R. V. Wheeler. Especially do we miss Elder Tolman. We thank you, Elder, for your inspiring fireside chats; we loved them all.

The following blessings were given in April: Glen Davis Sykes on the 7th, Margaret Katena Aukett and Erica Ann Aukett on the 14th.

Our next project will be to get ready for our first Hui Pariha to be held in Dunedin, June 2nd.

God bless you all, dear readers, is our wish from the Garden City till next month.

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Maria Elkington

Greetings and salutations to all throughout the Mission Field. The passing of another Hui Tau brings again a few changes, new faces and new promises.

President Ballif's visit to the Puketapu Branch (Huntly) recently has certainly proved a great boost to the members. The M.I.A. Presidency of this Branch has the youngest officers in the Mission and the District M.I.A. Officers appeal to the older members of Puketapu to help push the work of their young folk along. For a Branch that has over a membership of 200, the attendance at M.I.A. is strikingly poor.

Hamilton Branch is busily engaged working for funds for their proposed Chapel. Dances are being held fortnightly and are receiving the public's patronage. M.I.A. in Hamilton has been reorganized with Brother Thomas Kershaw as Superintendent, Janet Piper as Age Group Counsellor, Lily Kershaw as Activity Counsellor and Horace (Bon) Matenga as Secretary. We welcome also to the Hamilton area Brother Harry Marshall and trust that his new farm will be a success.

The Sunday School Superintendent, Brother John McCullough, was also given an honourable release and as Superintendent Brother Harry Puke was sustained with three recent con-

verts as assistants and secretary: Brother Allan as 1st assistant, Donald Oliphant as 2nd assistant, and Shirley Schofield as secretary.

Sister Theo Garry was released from the Primary as 1st Counsellor and her place has been taken by Sister Oliphant, and Sister Moore is also a new worker in the organization.

As new Waikato additions to the working forces at the College we have Wallace Ormsby, son of Dave Ormsby of Waretu and Malcom Taylor of Hamilton. Recent releases have been Kereti Kawe and Victor Marshall. Vic is now working with his father on their new farm.

Saturday night dances and Sunday evening firesides at the College are now under the direction of the District M.I.A. A number of M Men and Gleaners have undertaken to organize these dances and firesides and so fulfil some of their M Men and Gleaner requirements. All in the District are welcome to dances and firesides.

The following have been awarded Individual Awards: Hine MacDonald, Farina McCarthy, Joan Bradley, Doreen Tipoki, Margie Ormsby, Rebecca Bird, Elizabeth Otene, Cherry Clark and Kate MacDonald. We feel proud to make mention that Sister Joanne Ririe of the College is the first married woman and Zion missionary to receive her Golden Gleaner here in New Zealand. Congratulations!

Brother Danny Heke is now District M.I.A. Secretary, a vacancy left by Trevor Fergusson, released after Hui Tau.

Please make special note: Waikato one-day Hui Pariha June 30th. All are welcome.

STATISTICS

Baptisms.—Akuhata Heketanga of Puketapu; Georgie Grey Tarawhiti of Puketapu; Mary Kenny of Puketapu; Anneta Awa of Puketapu; Anabel Hettet of Puketapu; all by Alec Wincote.

Marriages.—Brother Taru Tarawhiti to Sister Te Puea Haunui, 24th March, 1957; Brother Robert James Majuary to Salina Kohu, 30th March, 1957. Both marriages performed by Maurice Pearson.

THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER

"THE Lord cannot always be known by the thunder of His voice, by the display of His glory or by the manifestation of His power, and those that are the most anxious to see these things, are the least prepared to meet them, and were the Lord to manifest His powers as He did to the children of Israel, such characters would be the first to say, 'Let not the Lord speak any more, lest we His people die.'

"We would say to the brethren, seek to know God in your closets, call upon Him in the fields. Follow the directions of the *Book of Mormon,* and pray over, and for your families, your cattle, your flocks, your herds, your corn, and all things that you possess; ask the blessing of God upon all your labours, and everything that you engage in. Be virtuous and pure; be men of integrity and truth; keep the commandments of God; and then you will be able more perfectly to understand the difference between right and wrong—between the things of God and the things of men; and your path will be like that of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p.247.

"Know ye not that there are more nations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord, your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath; and I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea even upon all the nations of the earth?

"Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word? Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another? Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also.

"And I do this that I may prove unto many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure. And because that I have spoken one word ye need not suppose that I cannot speak another; for my work is not yet finished; neither shall it be until the end of man, neither from that time henceforth and forever.

"Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written.

"For I command all men, both in the east and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea, that they shall write the words which I speak unto them; for out of the books which shall be written I will judge the world, every man according to their works, according to that which is written."

(2 Nephi 29:7-11.)

IF I BUT THINK TO PRAY

Tho my hands are stained with sin,
And I tread the downward way,
I know I will uplifted be,
If I but think to pray.

Tho temptation entices me,
Along life's weary way,
My God will stoop to comfort me,
If I but think to pray.

When I stand alone and beaten,
In my sorrows of today.
Comfort, peace, and rest will come,
If I but kneel to pray.

Think not 'tis only fools who kneel,
And lift their voice in prayer,
For every wise and great man there is,
Will acknowledge God's comforting care.

Each one of them has sometime knelt
While facing life's great storm,
And each one has God's guiding hand felt,
Round his shoulders, friendly, and warm.

Be not proud, o man, to acknowledge God,
Be not ashamed to humbly kneel,
For nowhere, nowhere, in the expanse of earth's sod
Will you ever such comfort feel.

For there's a feeling that goes with kneeling down,
A feeling abstract, yet real.
One that's attained, not through seeking a crown,
But only through praying with zeal.

If it is hard to believe there's a God,
A Man who made night and day,
Well, Mister, if you're man enough to say, "I believe,"
You'll be a man, and to Him you'll pray.

For if it takes courage to be a man,
Then it'll take courage to pray,
For he has no character—whoever's the man,
Who cannot kneel to pray.

—Vernice Wineera.

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

WHAT OF THE PIONEERS?

(Note.—July 24th, 1847, the first of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints arrived in the Salt Lake Valley of the then Utah Territory in the western part of the United States.)

THIS month we do honour to our Pioneers, the men, women and children who had faith in the reality and personality of God the Father and in His Son Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of the World. We do honour to those who had the necessary courage of their convictions to follow in the face of great opposition the modern prophets of God to the establishment of His way of life in the organization of the Church and who overcame the physical resistance of an unfriendly and barren waste to build a city in the tops of the mountains dedicated to His righteous purposes.

Like the children of Israel in the wilderness, the Latter-day Saints were led by the Lord from place to place learning the law of unselfishness and being schooled in meeting adversity. The process was long and painful, but like the refiner's fire the weak ones (slag) were burned out in the process because they could not stand the pressure. The Saints built homes that were burned by mobs. They built temples in their poverty. They learned the value of co-operation and unity and they learned of the great celestial law of consecration. They gave their all both in talents and earthly possessions to help build the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

Organized in New York, they moved Church headquarters to Kirtland where they laboured with their hands and gave of their substance, even sharing their food, so that the temple of the Lord could be built.

They moved to Jackson County, Missouri, where in Independence they started another temple, but the pressure of their enemies forced them to leave before it could be constructed.

This move eventually brought them to Nauvoo, Illinois, where they began and completed another temple. Here again their hearts were set on building the Kingdom of God. Their meagre wealth was generously given toward the erection of the House of the Lord. They were scarcely in it before the mobs drove them from Illinois, burning their homes and destroying their temple.

Sorrowfully, they left Nauvoo the Beautiful, but with high resolve and determination they moved to the West. They travelled across fifteen hundred miles of uninhabited country, a wilderness in every detail. They slowly and painfully lifted their few possessions over the rugged Wasatch Range of the Rocky Mountains and set themselves down in the barren, parched plain of the great Salt Lake Valley.

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Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

IF you are feeling weary and old, no matter how many years you have lived, ten, fifty, or ninety, continue reading this article, for it is about the other end of the road, the country known as "Old Age."

Some people have described Old Age as a lonely, desolate place, a place of skulls and bones whose inhabitants are always going off and never returning. Unless one dies first he will surely spend his last days there. Some have defined Old Age as a "place in time, a period with boundaries, a country with different customs from our own." It would be more accurate to say, however, that Old Age has no location. "Not only is it not on any map, but it is not in time. It is a set of qualities which any one of us may have within the heart or personality at any time."*

Most of us fear Old Age. We fear it because of a certain dependency that often comes with it, not financial only, but spiritual and psychological dependency as well. Have you ever heard an old woman complain continually about how her children neglect her? If so, she is probably lacking in emotional security. She is dependent on the affections of the young. And this is a sign she is getting old.

No one should ever say, "I'm getting old," and then prove it by the way he talks and acts. Mental inactivity brings on physical death, says Dr. Lieb in his book "Outwitting Your Years." The following are his suggestions for staying young: don't be bored; don't look backward too much; have a good time; dress well and neatly; exercise, but not too strenuously; don't over eat; avoid all excesses. He reminds us that " . . . the old, not the young, still rule the world —that the good no longer die young— that the deadliest disease to which man is heir, is fear . . . "

Young people need to be told and convinced by example that Life is worth living. Those who have travelled the road need to evidence to those who are setting out on Life's journey that the trip is worth the effort. The young need the sustaining knowledge that the end is better than the beginning.

One is never old as long as he keeps alive a spark of divine discontent, so long as he has an interest in himself, in his loved ones and friends, in the world around him, in God. He will never be old as long as he enjoys keenly each day.

"It's wonderful not to want to die," said the Madwoman of Chaillot in Jean Giraudoux's play of the same title. I think she was not so mad, after all, for it is wonderful not to want to die. As long as one does not want to die he will never grow old.

A Chinese poet said:

Old age is not a friend I care to see
If some day he should come to visit me,
I'll bar the door, and shout,
"Most Honoured Guest, I'm out."

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*Helen Eustis, *Harper's Bazaar*, September, 1949.

"Anybody can preach. He is a poor simpleton that cannot. It is the easiest thing in the world. But . . .it takes a man to practice . . ."—John Taylor.

Editorial . . .

Am I Worthy of My Heritage ?

ON July 24th, 1847, the Mormon pioneers entered the barren desert of the Salt Lake Valley after being driven out of their homes and leaving a trail of graves of their loved ones all the way from Missouri to Utah. Today Salt Lake is a prosperous, thriving city with communities composed of lovely gardens and modern homes. Farms produce high quality products much in demand; refineries and other industries provide work and many necessities and luxuries of life for her people. Only occasionally in an older neighbourhood can one find a home displaying the simple but sturdy pioneer construction, a home which revives the memory of toil, persecution, bloodshed, the conquering of almost impossible handicaps in the midst of a barren desert, and the love and unity possessed of a people who gave *everything* they had to the Lord, who strived diligently to give us the blessings we enjoy today. Yet, overlooking all is the Temple, a gentle reminder of these sacrifices and that they were not wasted because the love and will of the Lord made possible the survival of His people, people called to do a special and an important work by Him. They have left us a heritage of courage in the face of difficulty, an appreciation of the values of hard work, a prayerful heart, a steel-like faith in the love and concern of Our Heavenly Father, and an undying love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the testimony He has given us of it; they have left us the "truth," clean and untarnished.

In considering this heritage I thought: "It is a priceless gem, but what have we done with it? Temples have been constructed to carry on with that work introduced anew in their day, universities constructed to educate their children, welfare projects developed to care for the needy and any possible emergency of the future, seminaries constructed for the teaching of the Gospel and chapels for the worship of the Lord and the learning of His law; opportunities are given for cultural, spiritual, and social development; everything is done to enhance family relationship throughout eternity. Yet what have I as an individual done with this heritage?" These are the questions which arose in my mind. (In "judging yourself," what kind of a descendant are you? Would you be proud to leave the fruits of your life to such a person?)

1. Do I desire to attend Church meetings or do I go when there is nothing else that particularly interests me? Is unexpected company or inconvenience a welcome excuse to remain home?

2. Do I joyfully pay my tithing in order to obey the Lord and share with others my increase, or is it something I can't afford, something to be paid last . . . if anything is left and a "luxury" hasn't become a necessity in my mind?

3. Do I consider the Word of Wisdom a blessing from the Lord in achieving good health or is this law subject to my bodily desires and appetites and the jesting and tempting of my friends, the desire to be "like everyone else?"

4. Do I use modesty in dress and conduct or is the "law of chastity"

modified to fit the styles and customs of the day? Do I think the law of chastity refers only to adultery, or do I realize its every day values?

5. Do I strive to put forth a cheering spirit and a helping hand towards *all* I meet or am I often grumpy and do I expect people to understand and bear my rudeness politely while I am so "afflicted" . . . and afflicting others?

6. Am I more aware of my own weaknesses than those of another or am I self-indulgent and understanding with my own mistakes and quick to criticize another? (Isn't it amazing what we think of the actions of others, especially when we don't know the "whys" of their actions!)

7. Do I honestly strive to learn and obey the will of God or do I consider my own opinion more valuable? Do I rationalize away duties and obligations? Or do I seek opportunities to serve?

8. Am I grateful for the testimony I have and do I use it with each opportunity presented, or do I make light of those who do speak of things sacred to them? Am I afraid to express my own testimony because of the opinions of others? Do I wait to be forcibly moved by the Spirit of the Lord or do I try to earn that spirit by righteous activity and effort?

No, I can't give a positive answer to each of these questions, but I live each day for the purpose of learning to do so, and I try to use each lesson as an aid to live better each day. For this purpose I have come to earth: to learn the will of my Father, to obey it, and to prepare myself for the heritage I have as His child, to learn to love others as myself. No failure is excuse for another, but each blessing is reason enough to try again. —K.S.B.

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July 24th, 1847. Here again they began to build their homes and reclaim the land. At the same moment they began the planning and building of another temple. It was to be the largest and most beautiful effort they had yet made.

The finest steel is produced by the most effective methods of refining the raw ore. To the Latter-day Saints the persecutions of the mobs, the sacrifice of their homes and the travail through and conquering of the wilderness served as a refiner's fire in the selection and development of men and women whose loyalty and devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ could not be questioned. They had been through the "wilderness" and their faith was unwavering.

We are grateful to our pioneers "For the heritage they left us, Not of gold or wordly wealth, But a blessing ever lasting of love and joy and health."

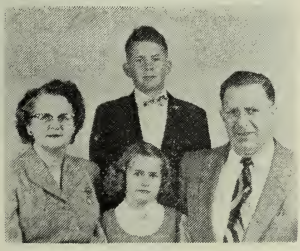
We need to take a lesson from our pioneers. They had a wilderness to conquer and at the same time dedicated themselves to the building of temples. They had little of material wealth but consecrated their all to establishing the Lord's house. They knew the value of co-operaiton and unity. They had unwavering faith in the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the building of God's Kingdom upon the earth. These qualities are even more essential today then they were then. We, too, have a temple to build.

"Come, come, ye Saints, No toil or labour fear; But with joy wend your way. Though hard to you this journey may appear, Grace shall be as your day. 'Tis better far for us to strive Our useless cares from us to drive; Do this, and joy your hearts will swell—All is well! All is well!"

Here and There in the Mission

The unbroken line of travellers continues, and so this month we have both College and proselyting missionaries affected by these changes.

After having spent two years labouring at the College, ELDER LORENZO JOHN and SISTER LEONE F. BATES and their children, Max and Ila, returned home to Salt Lake



Elder and Sister Bates

City by PAA on June 4th, 1957. Elder Bates was over the Maintenance-Repair crew at the College, and since coming here, Elder Bates has organized Sunday Schools at both Takowhai and Raglan. Sister Bates worked in the Primary for awhile, but her main duty was in the reception room at the College, and both she and Elder Bates enjoyed the Gospel teaching opportunities which came on guide duty. Realizing that in the service of the Lord we must perform "temporal as well as spiritual" duties, the Bates were happy to come and fulfill a labour mission here. However, like most of us, they found that it was much harder to leave than to come, for they have enjoyed their labours here and the many close associations with those among whom they worked. They are well aware of that which we are attempting to do in building a College and a Temple and they remind us to: "Prepare for work *in* the Temple, for 'he who fails to prepare, prepares to fail.' Let's all *prepare* for our associations and responsibilities that will come to us after this life." We wish them joy in the reunion with their family and in meeting their four new grandchildren.

June 5th, 1957, saw the release of two well-loved lady missionaries.

Returning to her home in Manaia was SISTER MANA MANUIRIRANGI. Sister Manuirirangi laboured in Wellington for eleven months and Auckland for one month, and in the brief year of her mission, she has instilled within the hearts of many a greater understanding of the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the value of a cheerful spirit, and a winning smile. She said: "The greatest joy a girl can ever have is to associate with other people, understand and share with them the greatest

Sister Manuirirangi

gift God has ever given us to develop our own personalities. Friendliness is the key word to missionary life. Before her mission Sister Manuirirangi was working in the M.I.A. as Activity Counsellor and Drama Director, and we have no doubt that her winning and willing spirit will continue to be used for the service of mankind. One member of the Manuirirangi family

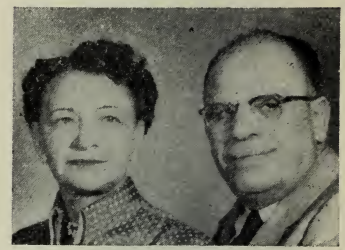
is still on a proselyting mission, and it is with appreciation that we say "thank you" to Brother Turaki Manuirirangi for the quality of character he has instilled in his family.

A year and a half ago, Tumuaki and Sister Ballif were excited over the prospective visit of one of their daughters. SISTER MARALYN BALLIF, who was then working for Z.C.M.I. in Salt Lake City, arrived in New Zealand on the 1st March, 1956. Her pleasing spirit became well known to the people of New Zealand as she travelled the mission and offered her friendship to us. Her brief holiday became a longer visit of service, for on June 5th, 1956, she, with Sister Manuirirangi, received a proselyting mission call. She was sent to labour in Wellington for the first five months of her mission, thence she laboured in the Auckland Mission Office as secretary to President Ballif for the next seven months, a position which calls

Sister Ballif

for long, hard hours of work, and the ability to keep confidences. (I mention this because all too often we are inclined to discuss the affairs of others, and those people in positions of responsibility who possess personal knowledge of others have set a worthy example for us to follow, and by their silence have reminded us of the evil wrought by gossip.) Sister Ballif will remain in New Zealand until the 20th of August when she will return home to Provo, Utah. Sister Ballif plans on visiting with members of her family for a while after returning to the United States.

Terminating their mission a month before expecting to because of illness at home were ELDER OTHELLO P. and SISTER VILATE PEARCE of Salt Lake City, Utah, who were



Elder and Sister Pearce

fulfilling their second mission in New Zealand. Elder and Sister Pearce arrived in New Zealand on the 20th August, 1955. Their first assignment was in Wanganui where Elder Pearce was Branch President for the first five months, and then Taranaki District President and Supervising Elder for the next 22 months. Sister Pearce was a District Relief Society Counsellor and Secretary to the District President. The Pearces have come to love the people in New Zealand and especially those in Taranaki. They regret not being able to stay longer for the Temple dedication, and they said, "We are going to look for the T.K. each month to see if our seeds germinate and grow, for 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' We have tried to sow a good seed and we love those among whom we laboured." We regret the illness which called the Pearces home, but we feel that the Lord's blessings will be upon their son and restore him to good health and strength, and we rejoice with them in their reunion with their family. The quality of their work will long remain with us as will our love for them. The Pearces flew home

on June 9th. Elder Pearce will continue his work in insurance and real estate in Salt Lake City.

ELDER LEROY J. and SISTER DELMA F. BOTT returned home to Salt Lake City and a family of five married children and 13 grandchildren on June 10th, via the "Mariposa." When they arrived in New Zealand, November 25th, 1954, they were sent to labour in the Manawatu District for 28 months. For a short time Sister Bott acted as a Relief Society Advisor in three districts and Supervisor for the Palmerston North

Elder and Sister Bott

Primary while Elder Bott was Supervising the Priesthood in Manawatu, Wairarapa and Wellington. Elder Bott enjoyed the privilege of organizing a Sunday School in the Tapuata area. Sister Bott then became President of the Palmerston North Relief Society and District Primary President; Elder Bott was Supervising Elder and District President in Manawatu for 13 months. Thence they were transferred to Otago for six weeks where Sister Bott organized a Relief Society. The last six weeks was spent proselyting in Waikato District where Elder Bott taught Priesthood and Church Government in the Hamilton Branch. In sharing with us their experiences, Elder Bott said: "The only way we can live the Gospel is to learn the Gospel. If we learn it, we should take it into our lives and live it. If the people could conscientiously and prayerfully support their leaders, they would obtain the spirit of the Holy Ghost. 'If ye are not one, ye are not mine.' If we would support our leaders, we could go forward in the branches and in the mission as one man." The Botts feel that the gratitude shown by even one person who has learned the Gospel has made 2½ years labour more than profitable. Elder Bott left a monument business with three of his sons, and he plans to continue in the family business with them. It is also their desire to return to New Zealand within five years. Their return will be an occasion of happiness for the many waiting here.

Of the many going home only one came to join our forces this month. ELDER ORLAND MORRELL HUNSAKER of Honeyville, Utah, arrived in New Zealand via the "Orcades" on June 5th, 1957. Elder Hunsaker attended the Utah State Agriculture College for two quarters where he studied aeromechanics. Previous to his mission call, he was flying and preparing to enter United Air Lines as a flight engineer. Elder Hunsaker requested the New Zealand Mission, for his grandfather, Le Grande Hunsaker, who was here 30 years ago on a mission, has communicated his love for the country and the people to his grandson. Within activity in the Church, Elder Hunsaker has earned the Duty to God Award, has graduated from seminary, and been Secretary in the Y.M.M.I.A., and Troop Leader in the Scouts.

To those who have gone home and to him who begins anew we say, "Remember, there is never a time when you are not a missionary, an ambassador of your God and Church. The experiences obtained thus far in life should help you to contribute more greatly to the welfare of 'Our Father's Children' and the love and faith offered in your behalf by those who have learned to love and appreci-

ate you should make it possible for you to accomplish all of the righteous desires of your hearts. Kia Kaha. Kia Ngawari. Haere Ra."

DISTRICT TRANSFERS . . .

ELDER R. J. BROWNING from Auckland District to Mission Supply Office.

ELDER DENNIS E. WILDE from Christchurch to Mission Office.

ELDER CHARLES C. CARR from Wellington to Christchurch.

ELDER HAROLD N. REED from Wellington to Bay of Plenty with Elder P. Zane Buckley.

ELDER FRED C. BROWN from Mission Office to Rotorua with Elder Gerald Bailey.

ELDER GARY N. SHEFFIELD from Wellington to Auckland District with Elder David H. Bell.

ELDER CLIVE A. PUSEY from Invercargill to Mission Office.

ELDER ARLO DEAN BEHUNIN from Auckland District to King Country with Elder Walter E. Bean.

Introducing——

Sister Eve P. King

Elder J. H. King

Sister June Cotter

CABLE RECEIVED FROM ELDER O. P. PEARCE:

Arrived safe, son improving steadily; was injured seriously, not permanently—Our love and best wishes to all.

PLEASE NOTE:

The vacancy in the Mission Secretary Office has been filled by ELDER J. HOWARD PIERSON. All matters dealing with finance and financial reports should be addressed to him. Elder Bright has returned home.

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS,

Time is going fast and it will not not be long before the end of this year and then we will be able to attend the official opening of the College and Temple. A record for history in our lives and we surely will all want to be at that opening. There is a lot to do before that comes and I do hope and pray that your work will not be left till the last minute. We on the Mission Board are working already for next year, but not overlooking our responsibilities of this year.

At Hui Tau the Mission Board gave out instructions to District and Branch Officers covering much Mutual work. I would like to bring to your notice one of your responsibilities.

M.I.A. DUES:

The M.I.A., like any other sports body, skiing or swimming club, have their subscriptions to pay. Ours is one of the smallest subscriptions that I know of. Our dues are 2/- per person. If you are a regular attender of Mutual, you should pay your dues of 2/-. From the Mission Office comes all your instructions, letters, circulars, stamps, Hui Tau preparations, the ball, sports equipment and much general planning. You pay your dues to the branch, the branch will forward your dues to the District, who in turn will forward direct to the Mission Office. Don't forget to get your receipt for your money. I know that you will do your best and we will appreciate your co-operation.

HONORARY AWARDS:

In the past these have come from branch and district personnel. It will still, but the change will be that no one will know who it will go to because the M.I.A. Mission Board will select personnel who have worked hard and faithfully during the years. The Board, through their travels throughout the N.Z. Mission, will become acquainted with the people and will select likely individuals of merit to be the ones to receive these awards. There will only be two awards during a year, one for the men and one for the women. Awards will be a surprise and a thrill when presented at an official Church function.

HUI PAHIHAS:

Hui Parihas, 2-day, are very near. Are you preparing? Elder Mark E. Peterson says, "I have often told district presidents . . . that if they wanted to, they could have the best district in the Church . . . The big thing was in wanting sufficiently to put forth the necessary effort and the planning to do the job. We must have the attitude; we must have the determination and the desire to succeed . . . I would like to give a few suggestions:

"1. Executives, accept the programme as it is and decide in your minds that the programme will work and that it will do a job for you.

"2. Put the programme into operation and don't just leave it on the family bookcase. Put it into operation as it is given to you by the General Board. Do not take some parts and reject others. Do not take liberties with the programme. Accept it as the formula of success and use it with a determination that you will make a success in your district.

"3. Get enthusiastic about your job. Bubble over with it, eat it, live it, work at it, breath it, but don't go to

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Priesthood Page

THE TERM "ELDER"

First—The General Use of the Term Elder:

The term *Elder* is used in a general way in the Church to refer to any degree of the Melchizedek Priesthood. Thus, we often hear an apostle spoken of as an Elder. So it is with the Seventies and the High Priests or sometimes even with the Patriarchs. The general title of *Elder* is often applied to brethren holding various offices in the Priesthood in giving an account of their labours.

Second—The Specific Usage of the Term Elder:

The term *Elder* is also used in a specific sense in which it is applied to the first office in the Melchizedek Priesthood; thus the office of an Elder comes under the Priesthood of Melchizedek. (D. & C. 107:7.)

OFFICE AND CALLING OF ELDERS

First—Age of Ordination to Melchizedek Priesthood and Receiving the Office of Elder:

On November 29th, 1934, the First Presidency of the Church wrote the following:

"We hereby approve the Twelve's recommendation in letter of September 29th, that a definite time be fixed for the ordaining of priests to the office of Elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood, and that this age be nineteen." (John A. Widstoe, *Program of the Church*, Salt Lake City, 1938, p.113.)

Second—The Ordination:

The bestowal of the Melchizedek Priesthood and the office of Elder comes under the direction of the stake presidency. The stake president may perform the ordinations; or invite one of his counsellors to do so; or authorize the high counsellor who is serving on the stake Melchizedek Priesthood committee as contact man for the Elders' quorums to do the ordaining or even other qualified and worthy persons may be authorized by the stake president to perform these ordinations.

Third—Calling of Elders:

The Elder is a standing minister to the Church, being appointed to render spiritual services. Since he is a holder of the Melchizedek Priesthood, he has the authority to perform the works of the Aaronic Priesthood. It is his duty to confirm those who are baptized "by the laying on of hands for the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost." (D. & C. 20:41.) He may be assigned to ordain other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons; anoint the sick by the laying on of hands; preach the Gospel at home and abroad; and administer the ordinances thereof. When so directed, the Elder has the right to officiate in the place of a high priest when the latter is not present and when duly authorized. The high priests and elders are to administer in spiritual things, agreeable to the covenants and commandments of the Church; and they have the right to officiate in these offices of the Church when

there are no higher authorities present. (D. & C. 107:11-12.)

In the words of President Brigham Young:

"It is the right and privilege of every Elder in Israel to enjoy the Holy Ghost, and the light of it, to know everything which concerns himself and his individual duties, but it is not his right and privilege to dictate to his superior in office, nor to give him counsel, unless he is called upon to do so, then he may make suggestions." (*Discourses of Brigham Young*, edited by John A. Widstoe, Salt Lake City, 1925, p.228.)

Also, President Joseph F. Smith made the following suggestions regarding Elders:

"It is the duty of this body of men (the Elders) to be standing ministers at home; to be ready at the call of the presiding officers of the Church and the stakes; to labour and administer at home; and to officiate in any calling that may be required of them; whether it be to work in the temples, or to labour in ministry at home, or whatever it be to go out into the world, along with the seventies, to preach the Gospel to the world." (Joseph F. Smith, op. cit., pp.184-185.)

Defining some of the duties of Elders, we read the following in the Doctrine and Covenants:

" . . . which quorum is instituted for standing ministers; nevertheless they may travel, yet they are ordained to be standing ministers to my Church, saith the Lord." (D. & C. 124:137.)

Fourth—Functions Rest on Jurisdiction and Authorization:

Although an Elder, through right of having received the Melchizedek Priesthood and having had bestowed upon him the office of an Elder, has the right to perform all the works pertaining unto that office, he cannot go ahead and perform those works pertaining unto that office unless he receives the proper authorization: for example, an Elder has the authority to baptize, but in the ward of the Church he may not perform this ordinance unless authorized by the bishop of the ward; while in the mission field he receives his authorization from the president of the mission. The authorization is necessary from those two parties because the bishop holds the keys of the priesthood in his ward —which keys are the directing power —while the president of the mission holds the keys of the priesthood in his mission. It is necessary for Elders to receive authorization for each assignment from those who hold the keys. The presiding authorities or presidencies in priesthood quorums are the ones who hold the keys of priesthood of those quorums; thus, keys go with presidency. It is necessary to have only certain people in the Church possess directive power or keys so that order may be preserved in the numerous activities of the kingdom. President Joseph F. Smith explains as follows:

"The leading fact to be remembered is that the priesthood is greater than any of its offices; and that any man holding the Melchizedek Priesthood may, by virtue of its possession, perform any ordinance pertaining thereto, or in connection therewith, when called upon to do so by one holding the proper authority, which proper authority is vested in the President of the Church, or any whom he may designate. Every officer in the Church is under his direction and he is directed of God. He is also selected of the Lord to be the head of the Church and so becomes when the priesthood of the Church (which includes its officers and its members) shall have so accepted and upheld him. (D. & C. 107:22.) No man can justly presume to have authority merely by virtue of his priesthood . . . for in addition, he must be chosen and accepted by the Church." (Joseph F. Smith, op. cit., p.174.)

(This and the preceding two articles of the Priesthood Page have been taken from the August, 1955, edition of the *Improvement Era*, pp. 592, 593, 599.)

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

The following young men completed their requirements to obtain the Aaronic Priesthood Individual Award for 1956. *Congratulations*, young men, it is an accomplishment worth striving for and well worth any sacrifice in the service of Our Father in Heaven.

Auckland District.—Deacon: Henare Gardner, Kenneth Joyce, Te Aopouri Witehira; Teacher: Apirana Ngakuru, Calis Peter Ngakuru; Priest: Hohepa Kauwhata, Kent E. Kohkonen, William George Ngakuru. *Bay of Plenty.*—Deacon: Rangiora Te Maari, Lloyd Tengaio, *Ihaka Otere Terei; Teacher: Albert Te Maari, Jr., Richard Stewart; Priest: Graham Ngakuru, Benard George McDonald. *Mahia District.*—Priest: *Mateora Walker. *Taranaki District.*—Deacon: Hori Manuirirangi, Eparaima Morton Manuirirangi; Priest: Tongawhiti Manuirirangi. *Waikato District.*—Deacon: Phillip Collier, Raymond Thompson, Brian Hunt, James Stanley Rosenvall, Stephen Dennis; Priest: Rodney Clark, William Ahmu, Mita Watene, Robert Ngawaka, Stewart Lamar Loosli. *Wairarapa District.*—Deacon: *Haumoana Te Aroatua MacDonald. *Wellington District.*—Deacon: Charles A. Stinson III., Tumahuki Daymond, Huriwhenua Taiaroa Parata, Wiremu Daymond; Priest: Stanley George Hoy, *Te Maire Daymond. *Whangarei District.*—Teacher: *Nupere Ngawaka, *Barney Wihongi.

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*100% attendance at Priesthood and Sacrament meetings.

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sleep on it. The Lord expects us to be enthusiastic about our Church work. He commands that we be anxiously engaged in a good work.

"4. Decide that our work is an individual labour with each person who comes to M.I.A. I repeat, our work is an individual labour, not a mass production enterprise. Our Church has grown . . . but in spite of its size, our work must be as much an individual labour as if we had but the original six who organized the Church in the first place. The whole plan of salvation is based on individual labour. We baptize people one at a time. We confirm members of the Church one at a time. We ordain them to the priesthood one at a time. We give them their endowments one at a time. The whole plan of salvation, therefore, is an individual matter. We do not save people en mass . . . It is all individual and personal. That is the way we must do our M.I.A. work."

Working for the Lord is wonderful, working for the Church is the same. If you are not on the ball, roll on and make an effort to stay there. We will be seeing a lot of one another this year and I do feel that you are going to make the success you would like, too, in M.I.A. work.

ATTENTION ALL!

The months of July, August and September are for the Green and Gold Balls!

Mission M.I.A. Supt.

"To the Law and Testimony" has of necessity been held over till the August issue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW"

AS I pondered this phrase I wondered how parting could be a sweet sorrow. When one stops and analyses this simple phrase there is much food for thought.

Why is parting sweet sorrow? What makes the sorrow sweet? IT IS THAT THE OCCASION BRINGS TO LIGHT THE GOOD THINGS THAT PERSON STANDS FOR AND STIMULATES ONE TO REACH A HIGHER GOAL. Thus there is sorrow, but sweetness. Think of the times when the Apostles were told that Jesus should depart from them and they were full of sorrow. "Verily, verily I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you." (John 16:20-22.) As we can see from the last two verses in Mark, the *sweet sorrow* was a stimulation to them. ". . . after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

Much the same followed concerning this topic when Christ appeared to the multitude on the American Continent. "And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken He cast His eyes round about again on the multitude, and beheld they were in tears, and did look steadfastly upon Him as if they would ask Him to tarry a little longer wtih them." (III Nephi 17:5.) After He had departed from them many years . . . "And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murmurs, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God. There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, or any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God. And how blessed were they!" (IV Nephi 15-17.) Here indeed is "sweet sorrow."

Each time a Mission President leaves, we determine within ourselves to do better. And if this is accomplished then all the work, worry and effort is small to the joy that comes. Sunday School workers, has the sweet sorrow caused by the departure of those you have known stimulated you to better works? Is there a continual improvement in teaching methods, conducting of services, running of our meetings and living better lives? Or is it the same humdrum each week over and over again?

As I depart from the shores of New Zealand, there is a prayer within my heart that the lessons I have tried to leave will not be in vain, that the work will progress even faster with the new Sunday School Superintendent, that my parting will indeed be "sweet sorrow to all." May I leave with you the theme that has always been a stimulation to my life: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as the Father which is in heaven is perfect."

—ELDER MERRIL D. BRIGGS

SACRAMENT GEM FOR JULY

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25.)

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

OUR STANDARD

RESPECT FOR OUR LEADERS

Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls. (Hebrews 13:17.)

The first Sunday of August is our Sunday Evening Service.

Second week Primary Birthday Party.

August 11th, 1878, Primary was organized with Sister Aurelia S. Rogers as president. Today it has reached throughout the world and thousands of children have received teachings and guidance through this wonderful organization.

For thirty years it has been organized in New Zealand and as we celebrate, let us stop just a minute and think, "What has Primary done for me? What has Primary done for my children?" I am sure that then we will take time to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His guiding influence.

This day we give our shilling to the Primary. Tell the children of the Lord's blessings and that He expects us to give this little donation yearly to help His work along. Branches, keep for your funds 3d out of every shilling and send the balance to your District Primary President. Districts, keep 3d out of every shilling, then send the balance with your August report to the Mission Primary President. District officers, check with your enrollment for all 100% payments and send the names of Primaries reaching 100% with your report.

LESSONS FOR AUGUST

Youngest Group:

1st Week: Practice for Sunday Service.

2nd Week, Page 201: A Birthday Party.

3rd Week, Page 114: Honesty in Action.

4th Week, Page 120: Wonderful Gifts.

For the 2nd week make sure that the children understand why the first Primary was organized and by whom. Teach them the song called "Our Primary Colours" and the games as suggested. With your co-operation, dear teachers, I'm sure your party will be a success.

As teachers we must be honest in all our dealings. We must set the example and teach these children diligently, explaining that our Heavenly Father, parents and teachers are very happy when they are honest.

The creation of the world is a beautiful story. Use your flannelgraph pictures to make your story more interesting.

Co-Pilot Lessons:

1st Week: Practice for Sunday Programme.

2nd Week: Primary Birthday Party.

3rd Week, Page 137: The Sabbath Day.

4th Week, Page 142: Reverence for the Lord's House.

This lesson on the third week shows the children that there are many wonderful things which can be done on the Sabbath Day and yet keep it Holy. Kindness is often more pleasant than wanting to play games. The fourth week will add to our Standard ideas of Reverence. Teachers, example

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Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

Second Round of Huis:

WE know that you will welcome informtaion on the second round of Huis, *and,* because they are still a few weeks off, *and* because you will need the extra time for *organized planning,* we hope you will use the suggestions given to the best advantage.

Last year the Mission Board had hoped that the combined period of M.I.A. Sports and Relief Society sale of work would provide the opportunity of making a family "day out," but because the meeting place was quite a distance from the palying field, in most cases, the result was a little disappointing. The few districts who did catch on to the idea, and pitched a tent on the playing field for their sale of work plus snacks, drinks and ice cream were the most successful from every angle. So this year we would suggest that as Relief Society Sisters and as Mothers, we plan with an eye toward Mother, Dad, and children having a "day out together." Encourage every family in the district to aim toward that goal. *Provide on the playing field a canteen where one can buy light refreshments along with articles of handwork either for display or for sale.*

If your meeting place is adjacent to the playing area, then don't slip up on this advantage. Advance planning and advertising will help immensely toward a successful afternoon. Other than this the pattern of the whole Hui will be similar to that of last year.

WILL SEE YOU ON THE PLAYING FIELD!

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can do the greatest good in teaching Reverence.

Trailbuilders Lessons for August Blazers:

1st Week: Practice for Sunday Service.

2nd Week: Primary Birthday Party.

3rd Week: Articles of Faith Review.

4th Week: Being a Missionary.

This month again we have a review, this time The Articles of Faith. Use the games; they are easy to prepare if you take a little time. Take careful note of the suggestions to Leaders.

"Being a Missionary" is a fine lesson and should inspire the boys to a manly adoption of Church Teachings to everyday life. Perhaps you could have a Missionary in the class to speak for a few minutes to help develop the lesson.

Homebuilders Lessons for August Seagulls:

1st Week: Sunday Service Practice

2nd Week: Primary Birthday Party.

3rd Week, Page 117: Sacrament.

4th Week, Page 188: We Have Endured Many Things.

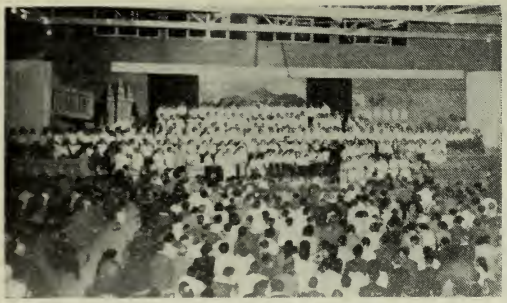
See that your girls are prepared for their parts in making the Sunday Service an inspiration to all who attend. Have an enjoyable party together.

Buy a small magnet for the demonstration during the Sacrament Lesson. The strengthening of the girls and your own testimonies will be worth the small outlay. If you haven't a blackboard, use a large sheet of paper and/or cardboard to develop your 4th week's lesson.

Highlights of Hui Tau, 1957

Green and Gold Ball.

Hui Tau General Session in David O. McKay Building.



Combined Districts Choir Concert.

District Presidencies.

Melchizedek Priesthood Meeting.

Mission Presidency and District Presidents.

Genealogy

IN as much as many of our Genealogy workers were not at Hui Tau and there are many "Family Organizations" now existing in the Mission, I have felt this question-answer dialogue given by Sister Grant and myself may help to solve some of your problems and give you a better understanding of the work and real purpose of having a "Family Organization."

Sister Grant, by the reports received from your "Family Organization," it must be a great success, and I would like you to tell us how it came to be formed and the reason for its success.

Question 1:

Who first mooted the idea of forming an organization?

Answer:

When my husband and I returned from the Temple, we felt the urgent need to call our family together, so that for genealogy purposes alone, we would be able to work more effectively. You see, although both my husband and I are Maoris, we were not conversant with the Maori names, and felt that was where our other family members could help. We knew that only by getting together could we ever hope to get all our genealogy work done.

Question 2:

What were the first steps taken?

Answer:

As our members are scattered all over New Zealand, we first called the Auckland group together and told them of the idea we had and asked how they felt about it. They were extremely thrilled and were anxious that we lost no time in advising the rest of the family. This we did, and it met with everyone's approval, so my husband and I travelled to Hikurangi to meet with all the members in that section, who had previously been advised of our coming.

Question 3:

Can you tell me some of the objectives brought forward at that meeting?

Answer:

Yes. By this move we would cement family ties, be united in our efforts to become better citizens of our communities, and more effective members of our Church, that we would strive always to make the best use of our time and our talents in the Church and most of all that we would be united in our efforts to work on our family genealogy.

Question 4:

Were you able in all of your decisions to be unanimous? What about the "Family Representative?"

Answer:

Yes, after explaining the reason of the "Family Representative" our decisions were unanimous. Previously the members were hazy on the true meaning of the Family Representative and asked such questions as "were certain privileges given to the one who held that position, and withheld from the rest of the family, and is it right that the Family Representative is the only one to do the Temple work; does he get the credit for all name submitted?" and when it was explained that the main reason for having a Family Representative is for filing purposes, it cleared up any misunderstanding and everyone felt happy about it.

Question 5:

Who occupied the chair for the first meeting?

Answer:

I did, for it was I who called the meeting.

Question 6:

Will you tell me how many officers were chosen at this first meeting?

Answer:

Yes, there were four: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary.

Question 7:

Have any other officers been added since then? And do you feel you now have sufficient for the successful running of the Organisation?

Answer:

Yes, more officers were voted in and we now have the original officers plus a Historian, a Genealogist, a Reporter and a Treasurer. We also have five members on a social committee and we feel we now have ample for the successful functioning of the Organization.

Question 8:

How do you keep the spirit of the Organization alive?

Answer:

In Auckland we meet monthly, and this meeting takes priority. It is set for the second week in every month, and everyone is expected to attend, regardless of what other functions may be on. We find the members are most co-operative and have a great desire to attend.

Question 9:

What do you do at these meetings?

Answer:

The idea of the meeting is to keep our families united, and that does not mean only the older members, but also the younger ones and the small children. Our lesson this year is a 45-minute period from the "*Book of Mormon*." Family problems are "aired," suggestions are put forward which will help all concerned. One night a quarter is devoted to practical Genealogy, and the evening is finally ended with social activities. Each month two persons are assigned to prepare and conduct the evening; this privilege is given to all, even the small children. By this practise all are given the opportunity of individual participation.

Question 10:

For those who are scattered and not able to attend these meetings, have you made any provision for them?

Answer:

Yes, we have each area (Great Barrier, King Country, Northland and College) forward news items to our Reporter, and she in turn makes a monthly Family News Sheet and a copy is sent to members of the family. By this way we keep in touch with each other and at the same time know what is going on. Then, too, we get to hear about "new" relations. Some we hadn't heard of before. This paper we have named "Aotea," after our Island home. The Europeans now call the Island "Great Barrier."

Question 11:

How do you work the Group Sheets? Are they sent through the Organization?

Answer:

Yes, and again after explaining that there are no special privileges given to the Secretary who sends them. Each one who fills in a sheet first submits it to the Secretary who makes a duplicate copy for the Family Book of Remembrance and then sends it off to the Mission.

Question 12:

Does the Mission have instructions to forward all completed sheets to the Organizations?

Answer:

Yes, we had the privilege of having the Mission Authorities attend one of our meetings and all were in favour of doing just that.

Question 13:

What happens to the sheets then?

Answer:

After the Secretary enters the Temple data on to the filed sheet, it is forwarded to the person submitting the sheet.

Question 14:

I was very interested in your gathering held at the Barrier and I would like you to tell us, first, how you organized such a large group?

Answer:

Well, first, we chose people who would be responsible for transport, food, socials, sports, cooking, washing dishes, and the taking care of the small children during meetings. Because each one did a thorough job of their assignment and because of the wonderful spirit of unity and anticipation, the gathering could not fail to be a complete success.

Question 15:

How was it financed?

Answer:

Every person over 15 had to pay 25/- which covered the cost of food, prizes for sports, dance and parties. Fares had to be met by the individual. I am sure you will agree it was cheap board for two weeks. But here is a secret: we did go fishing; we did gather pipis, sea eggs, pauas, etc.

Question 16:

Does your Secretary keep a history of all activities?

Answer:

Yes, and if she had the time, I am sure she could make this one of the highlights of the Organization. This gives an idea. (She shows their book.)

Question 17:

Do you feel that this is helping the family in their Genealogy and in the compiling of sheets?

Answer:

Definitely. Up until this time no one appeared to know what work had been done. Now everything coming through a correct channel, it is right at our fingertips and it also avoids duplication. I can see how we are all benefitting and I know that if all families can work unitedly together, then we will be living the Gospel as it should be lived and preparing ourselves to enter the House of the Lord.

ELDER LARRY LAMAR ADAMS CHOSEN MISSION COUNSELLOR

ELDER LARRY LAMAR ADAMS was set apart on April 22nd, 1957, during the annual Hui Tau at the L.D.S. College, Frankton, as Second Counsellor to the New Zealand Mission Presidency. Elder Adams is replacing Elder John S. Lewis who has returned home.

Elder Adams has laboured in the Otago District where he was the district clerk and in both the Wellington and Auckland Districts.

Prior to accepting his mission call, Elder Adams completed two years'

study at the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is the son of Elder and Mrs. D. Stanley Adams of Huntington, Oregon.

Featuring the Districts

BAY OF ISLANDS DISTRICT

By Tai T. Rakena

Dear T.K. readers, now that we have entered the second season of the year, "winter," 'the doctor prescribes a 100% cough mixture; however, the Church prescribes a 100% attendance for all meetings to boost the spiritual work along during the cold months of winter.

The few faithful Elders who have been toiling at the Otaua project are to be commended as it is now nearing completion.

We are sad to know that Elder and Sister Maxwell and son Byron have left the Bay of Islands District to take up other appointments at the L.D.S. College. We are grateful for their services rendered during their stay in this part of God's vineyard.

From the Tautoro Branch, Brother Richard Dick Moses has begun a two-year work mission at the L.D.S. College. Before beginning his mission he served two years as a pupil at Northland College and also as 1st counsellor to the Sunday School Superintendent.

A farewell was held at the Mataraua Branch for Brother and Sister Taua Hika Witehira. This family has taken up residence in another part of the mission.

Congratulations go to Brother and Sister Haki P. Wharemate of the Tautoro Branch, a ninth son having just recently been added to their family.

Hui Pekas are now in full swing for the Bay of Islands District, having commenced during the first Saturday of June.

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

Most of the activities of the past monht seem to be connected with the Elders' Quorum.

Brother Hono Wihongi and his wife and family are moving to Auckland to live, and they will be missed for the active parts they have played both in the district and the Hikurangi Branch. Brother Hono has been the 4th Elders' Quorum President since its inception. He has been replaced by Brother Roger Hammon, his 1st counsellor, with Brother Gordon Davis as 1st counsellor an Brother H. William Jones as secretary.

Brother Roger Fong has been given the position of group leader of the Whangarei Branch Elders' Group. This was previously occupied by Brother Rangi Kiro.

In the Moerewa group of Elders, Brother Hauraki Heta is now the presiding officer.

Some very enjoyable Elders' group socials have been held recently by the Whangarei, Hikurangi and Moerewa groups, and there are other dates set for the future. At these socials the Elders have acted as the true hosts doing the waiting and washing up and, in some cases, even their own cooking, the latter accomplishment meeting with varied results.

After a long wait for supplies, the Whangarei Branch have now completed their fencing project for the New Zealand Railways. They now await the cash to contribute to the College Assessment.

On a recent Sunday an almost 100% family gathering eventuated in the Maromaku Branch with 64 of the family members being present. Only four members attending the Auckland Branch were absent.

STATISTICS

Deaths.—Sister Agnes Peeni of Poroti died suddenly on June 4th, 1957. She was buried at Pipiwai.

Baptisms.—Brother Ray Stephen Going of Maromaku on June 9th, by Brother R. V. Going.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

Auckland First Branch:

At M.I.A. on May 28th we enjoyed a very humorous and interesting Travelogue of Nations. Each country was portrayed as authentically as possible and depicted in a very interesting way. Some of those represented were China, Switzerland, America, Samoa, South Africa, England, and lastly good old New Zealand.

May 5th saw a fine evening service presented by the Primary organization. It was an excellent programme, and I am sure the parents were pleased with their children's efforts.

May 26th was a happy occasion for three girls who completed their Primary course and graduated into M.I.A. After receiving their graduation certificates, they were introduced to Sister Lillian Sparks who is President of the Y.W.M.I.A. The Primary will miss these lovely girls very much. They are Rona Peihopa, Lynette Palmer and Marie Cook.

Relief Society gained a potential member on May 29th when a bonny baby girl was born to Brother and Sister Hugh DeServille. We take this opportunity to offer our congratulations.

North Shore Branch:

We have a special thank you from Lorna and Ken Murfitt to the person who sent the beautiful combined flower and fruit bowl as a wedding gift and also for the lovely verses which accompanied it. They are unable to give personal thanks as there was no signature on the card. They would like to know who sent it.

Our first inspiring programme this month was given by the Genealogical Committee conducted by Brother Philips and we all came away that evening determined to work harder than ever to make ourselves worthy of our Temple.

On May 18th, our new missionaries, Elders Anderson and Shy, held a housewarming at "This Olde House" where they have come to live. Everybody present contributed an item and quite a bit of unknown talent was discovered. Fun and games followed and the supper performed the usual disappearing trick. The Elders made very good hosts and we all agreed we had a very happy time.

On Social Science night Relief Society was honoured by a visit from the District Relief Society Presidency represented by Sister Daysh and Sister Chote. We were happy to have them.

Our big night this month was May 26th when we had our branch conference. Brother Ken Murfitt, who was conducting, welcomed the District Presidency represented by Brothers Chote and Roberts, and Secretary Brother Joyce. The theme was taken from Matthew 24:42: "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." The talks given to us were very stirring. Highlight of the evening was the presentation by Sister Bratton, District M.I.A. President, of the Honour Bee Award to Sister Walnetta Broederlow. Walnetta is the first girl to actually earn the award in this district and Sister Bratton paid tribute to her diligence in working for it. She said Walnetta was an outstanding example to the young people of this Church.

M.I.A. Activity night this month took the form of "Folk Lore and Travelogue of Nations." Talks on Scotland and Australia were given by Brother Davie and Sister Braund interspersed with folk songs, folk dancing and stories. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

"Home—A Parental Partnership" was the subject chosen by the Sunday School when they presented the evening programme on June 2nd and everyone of the speakers did full justice to their part in this wonderful theme.

During the month, Primary were very happy to have a visit from Sister Ireland, the District Primary President.

Blessing.—May 19th, the first born of Mr. Brian J. and Sister Martin (nee Shirley Cameron) was given a blessing and a name, Teresa Carol Martin, by Brother J. Marquis.

Sister Lorna Murfitt was set apart as teacher in the Sunday School during the month.

Tamaki Branch:

The Sunday School work in the branch, although constantly beset by problems, many of which will be eliminated by the new chapel, is nevertheless progressing steadily. With the appointment of Brother Ronald T. Deverick as 2nd Assistant in the Superintendency much help has already been given Superintendent Harold Hogan.

The M.I.A. held its "Travelogue of Nations" at Brother and Sister Hogan's on the 28th of May. The speech director, Sister Rose Heinburg, introduced speakers of different nationalities who then spoke briefly on the history and customs of their lands. Following the speeches each speaker presented to the group a sample of food from their respective countries.

A fireside chat was held at the Tarawa's with Elder Del K. Allen and Elder J. Browning providing very interesting missionary presentation type lessons.

Under the direction of Brother Alf Hayward, Genealogical meetings have been held at Brother Phil Otene's home. The strength of the branch, our Relief Society, has been holding at regular intervals "Cake Stall" sales at the front of our new chapel.

Straight from the Judea Branch we welcome into our ranks Brother and Sister Ron Young and their family.

We regret the transfer of Elders D. K. Allen and Browning from our area and wish them well in their new areas.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Once again Bay of Plenty set the ball rolling with its Hui Pariha held in Rotorua on the 19th May. It was very well attended by members from all over the District and outside, and the presence of President and Sister Ballif sealed its spiritual success. A banquet and social the previous night was also a very happy occasion for those who were there.

All meetings for the Hui were held in the Regent Concert Chambers and followed the usual order. Highlights included talks by Tumuaki and Sister Ballif, the choir singing conducted by Brother Luxford Walker, and the efforts of all who took part on the programmes. The young people who spoke are to be highly commended as their attempts at expounding the scriptures now will add to their stature as worthy leaders of tomorrow.

Among the many visitors were "the Pedersen clan" from North Shore, Sister Heni Tekauru from Nuhaka, and Pearl and George Anderson now of Kawerau to whom we extend a hearty welcome. The physical needs of man were also well catered for, the host Branch, Rotorua, setting out its usual well-filled tables of food. No effort at all!

District reorganizations are as follows: Genealogy: Pamea McKay, Patarik Rei, and Sister Te Maari. Relief Society: Sister Ngarongomate M. Paki. New M.I.A.: Sister Pat Te Hira, Bernard McDonald, and Sister Morinetta Nelson.

Now for some really big news! On June 9th, under the direction and in the presence of President Ballif, the *Kawerau Branch* was formed with the following officers: Branch President, Luxford Walker; 1st Counsellor, George Anderson; 2nd Counsellor and Secretary, Arthur Holland; Sunday School Superintendent, Raymond Ritchie; Relief Society President, Pearl Anderson; Primary President, Eliza Murphy.

There are now five branches in our district and we are naturally very thrilled and happy. Congratulations, Kawerau!

Again we have occasion to send large health germs; this time to Elder Buckley who is in the Rotorua Hos-

pital with "yellow jaundice." Elder Brown, who is replacing him temporarily, is due to leave for the States in a few weeks time, as also is Elder Bailey to whom we have grown rather attached. Well, thanks, Elder Bailey, for your good works here and may God be with you both.

Reporting the death of an old friend is always a painful duty, but to the family of Sister Mary Ormsby who died on May 7th, to Brother Eru and his children, the district extends deep sympathy in the loss of so worthy a wife and mother. May the Lord comfort you in your sorrow.

Baptisms for June: Rotorua: Donna Christina Hansen, Sharon Aroha Kiripatea, John Kiripatea, all by Elder Gerald Bailey.

The Rotorua Relief Society extends a cordial invitation to all visitors to this area to attend their meetings which are held in the National Club Rooms, Eruera St., at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Rotorua Sacrament meetings are also held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the National Club Rooms.

Late news! President Ballif gave blessings to four children when he visited Kawerau. They were: Adrienne Bishop, Christine Jones, Gwynne Jones, and Baby Goodburn.

Brother H. Meyers of Taneatua was also a welcome visitor there. At the ripe old age of 82 years, Brother Meyers remembered being ordained an Elder at Ngaruawahia in 1928, President Ballif being present at that time and our guess is as good as yours, quite young.

Bye for now!

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WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. N. McDonald, Jr.

Hello once again from Wairau; we are off again on a New Year after Hui Pariha held at Nelson, May 12th, in the Old Folks' Home. Once again all officers and teachers were given instructions in all aspects of Church procedure and all who attended the demonstration of teaching by Sister Ballif were indeed fortunate. The general sessions were well attended and a good meal after the last general session brought a successful Hui Pariha to its conclusion.

On Saturday night, May 11th, a meeting of all Priesthood holders and their wives was held and this also was a successful function. Speeches, musical items, and a grand supper made the evening most enjoyable. Congratulations to Nelson Branch on their efforts.

Now for the benefit of those members of this district who are now stationed throughout New Zealand here are the officers and teachers for this district for the ensuing year:

Grovetown:

Branch President, Jesse W. Tonks; 1st Counsellor, Rewi M. McDonald; 2nd Counsellor, J. N. McDonald, Jr.; Secretary, E. Roskelley.

M.I.A.: Superintendent, J. N. McDonald, Jr.; 1st Counsellor, Lydia McDonald; 2nd Counsellor, Kahu McDonald; Secretary, Mary McDonald.

Sunday School: Superintendent, Rewi M. McDonald; Secretary, Lydia McDonald.

Nelson:

Branch President, Pene Ruruku; 2nd Counsellor, Hohua Warena; Secretary, Ben T. Hippolite.

M.I.A.: Superintendent, Tiwini Hemi; Secretary, Tiwini Hemi.

Relief Society: President, Amy Crapper; 1st Counsellor, Maria Hippolite; 2nd Counsellor, Pukohu Kohe; Secretary, Jesse A. Kerr.

Primary: President, Puaiterangi Tari; 1st Counsellor, Mary Ann Crapper.

Sunday School: Superintendent, Ratapu Hippolite; 1st Counsellor, Emma E. Hippolite; Secretary, Hazel Ruruku.

Madsen:

Branch President: Turi R. Elkington; 1st Counsellor, Roma H. Elkington; 2nd Counsellor, Rangi Elkington; Secretary, Nola M. Elkington.

Relief Society: President, Rangituhia Elkington.

Primary: President, Nui Elkington; 1st Counsellor, Rangiruhia Elkington.

Sunday School: Superintendent, Horomona Elkington; 1st Counsellor, Turi Elkington; 2nd Counsellor, Nola M. Elkington.

The Picton Branch does not show in the above list of officers as this branch is being run by the proselyting elders until reorganization can take place.

Grovetown Branch:

College and Temple funds continue to be financed by the wood project, cutting and selling wood to members and the public. Branch funds will be supplemented by about 40 bags of potatoes, these being dug on Saturday mornings. Attendance at M.I.A. dropped to about 20 owing to the cold snap experienced lately, but attendance at Sunday School is most encouraging.

To Brother and Sister Cappy McDonald, a daughter, born 21st May. Congratulations.

Nelson Branch:

This branch was fortunate in having the Hui Pariha held in Nelson, but look forward to the next hui to be held at Blenheim. All those who attended the Hui Pariha were glad to see Sister Wetekia Elkington present, and already arrangements are in hand for her to attend the dedication of the Temple. We hope that she and all of her family can be present on that day, also Sister Rout who was introduced into this Church by Sister Wetekia.

Madsen Branch:

The College and Temple fund project, a fishing day, was had and the Elders' Quorum was fortunate in having Pene Ruruku and Benjamin T. Hippolite to help them out while on holiday at Madsen. Roma H. Elkington was sustained as District Superintendent for M.I.A. and to him our best wishes in his future work.

General:

Correlation meeting held at Nelson last Saturday, June 1st, was the most successful yet with each auxiliary ironing out the few difficulties that cropped up. Future meetings will see demonstraton teaching by different officers and teachers, Elder Roskelley being on the roster for next time.

Attendance was high and to those who attended from Madsen and Blenheim, it was time well spent. Next meeting will be held Sunday, 30th June, at 2.30 p.m.

Well, to the boys at the College, you have heard from us; what about some news for the branches. Cheerio for now.

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MAHIA DISTRICT

By Riripeti Ataria

Wairoa Branch:

A Hui Peka was held in the Wairoa Branch on June 9th, Elders Hymas and Briggs attending together with Elders Buss and Phillips. The district officers gave their respective branch auxiliaries helpful suggestions. Brother Dave Mihaere was set apart as 2nd counsellor to the Branch President, Brother Ru Paul, and Brother Trevor Fergusson as secretary.

Kauiku Branch:

Sister Kate Tangiora was set apart as 2nd counsellor and secretary in the branch Genealogical committee.

Brother Oliphant and Sister Olive McKay have returned home after spending nearly two years at the College.

Nuhaka Branch:

A junior choir, ages 9 to 18 years, occasionally take part in the meetings and often have as many as 45 members in the choir.

Brothers Perea Smith, Hone Campbell, and Taka Panere brought Brother O. McKay's "cargo" back from the College and spent Sunday evening thrilling the branch with their testimonies.

Sister Tulate Solomon, who has not been well, is being treated by a specialist in Palmerston North.

Invitations have been sent out for the wedding of Brother Pat Ormond and Sister Josephine Palmer on July 6th.

A group of men from the district have gone to work a week at the College.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

Hello, folks! We take this opportunityl of thanking the Hui Tau Board and College personnel for our comfort and care during our recent Hui Tau. We thank also President Ballif, the Music Board and all the Mission Boards for the spiritual setting and enjoyment of the meetings and sessions.

We bring now for your interest our news. Called and set apart at Hui Tau was our June Cotter, Napier Branch. Her missionary activities begin in the Auckland District. We send her our best wishes and arohanui.

The Napier Branch is the first to pay in their assessment on the Hastings Chapel. This branch has a section of land all ready for a chapel at some future date.

Celebrating her 21st birthday was Camilia Hapi, Korongata. Over 300 guests attended this function, which was held in the Assembly Hall, Hastings. Toasts were proposed and dancing concluded a very successful and enjoyable occasion.

Sister Jewel Crawford has taken a commercial course at the Hastings High School night classes conducted by the "Adult Education." She was the 1,000th student to enrol for this year and was granted one year's free tuition!

Honourably released from a mission at the College were Brother and Sister Hata Tipoki of Korongata; Sister Joyce Tipoki is already active in Church work here. She is from the Waikato District.

From Hastings Branch comes news of the departure of two of our young girls to Australia, Sister Priscilla Wilson and Sister Pauline Sullivan. We wish them well and arohanui.

Brother Allan Karena, Ohiti Branch, has changed his address to L.D.S. College, Frankton Junction, for two years. Good luck, Allan!

Set part to further duties, this time in the Primary District Board, was Sister Marlene Kingi, as 1st Counsellor.

Our District Choir Committee comprises Brother Anderson Waretini, Brother William Heke, Jr., Sister Teraipine Reid, and Sister Marlene Kingi as Secretary with our conductor, Brother James Puriri. They have big plans for the near future. They have stressed the need for branch choirs or choruses to build up the spirituality of the meetings and programmes.

Sister Ngaio Hape, Te Hauke, attends adult night class at the Hastings High School to gain her School Certificate and take up teaching.

A wedding of wide interest was solemnised in the Te Hauke Chapel on May 11th, when Sister Letitia Hawkins, Te Hauke, was married to Christian Leslie Millar, West Africa. Officiating minister was Elder James Southon, our D.P. A ladies' chorus sang a bracket of songs prior to the ceremony. Four hundred people attended, a large number being our European friends, who were much impressed with such a well-planned and conducted service. Much comment, too, was placed on the lovely hymn "Love at Home" and the teachings and beliefs of our Church on eternal marriage as expressed by Brother James Southon in his opening remarks. These were very favourable comments and so we can realize that through our functions, if conducted properly, a great means of preaching the Gospel is had. To Litty and Chris we wish happiness and success and all our arohanui for their future life together.

The Reverence Programme of the Primary Board was carried out in the branches and made a very good impression. Campaigns are in operation

to see that reverence is being observed in our meetings.

"Mother's Day" was commemorated as always . . . impressive, soul-stirring and humbling. The bands of love are drawn tighter and closer together between loved ones more on this day than any other.

Some of our branches are holding their regular monthly leadership meetings and much is being taught and put forth for the betterment and harmony of branch activities. It is recommended that all branches hold these meetings to enable a smooth running and up to date branch in every way.

Sister Hapai MacDonald, Waimarama Branch, who is attending St. Joseph's Convent, took part in a classical festival held in Napier and she gained fourth among the Europeans. This is marvellous for her first entry. She also took a leading part in a Passion Play over Easter, and is representing the Catholic schools of this area at an oratorical contest to be held in Wanganui. It is her desire to some day serve a mission for the L.D.S. Church. We are proud of you, Hapai, of your sweet spirit and undying testimony.

Presentations of Individual Award Certificates were made by Sister Jane Tahau, President of the Y.W.M.I.A. District Board. We heartily congratulate Sisters Jill Palmer, Allies Ormsby and Joyce Smalle, all of the Napier Branch, on being the first in the mission to achieve the award.

Brother Toni O'Brien of Hastings was set apart as Assistant Secretary to the District Sunday School Board.

Sister Lucy Marsh, President of the Relief Society, Hastings, has over the past seven years gained many first and second prizes at the Hawkes Bay A. & P. Society Annual Autumn and Spring Shows for Cooking and Preserves in Maori, Brown, and White Bread—2 firsts, 3 seconds, 1 third; Peaches—1 first; Pears—1 second; Raspberry Jam—1 first; Plum Jam—1 first. She gained the above at our recent Autumn Show on 16th March.

The District Presidency sponsored an evening of fun where all district auxiliary leaders and friends came on the night of 28th May to the Hastings Chapel Recreational Hall. Items interspersed with dancing were very much enjoyed by the large crowd. A very delicious supper was served under the care of the Relief Society Board. Baking talents were much in evidence this night as the women turned up with their cakes and cookies.

Under the careful and thorough planning of Sister Gloria Southon, M. Men-Gleaner teacher in the Hastings M.I.A., a very successful and delightful "Chef's Evening" was held on May 26th. Tables were arranged Cabaret style. Everyone wore the traditional "Chef's Hat" which set the mood for this very enjoyable "Merit Activity" Social; 80 attended, including visitors from other branches and special guests. Congratulations, Sister Gloria!

The Napier folks now have a place of their own to meet in, a large house which stands on the property which they have bought for their chapel. Things are looking up for them now.

Sister June Hapuku of Te Hauke Branch was wed to Mr. Ray Gray, Wellington Police Force, in the Te Hauke Chapel. Officiating minister was Brother James Southon, D.P. Many Europeans attended; over 300 sat down to the wedding breakfast at "Kahuranaki." Sister June has been in the nursing profession.

STATISTICS

Births.—A daughter to Brother Peter and Sister Jane Edwards, May 8th. A daughter to Brother Louis and Sister Emmaline Southon.

Deaths.—Sister Hauri Pakai Smith, May 11th, buried at Hastings.

Ordinations.—Gene Hawea, Te Hauke Branch, to Teacher.

Cheerio until next month!

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Delia Steele

At both the Tamaki and Palmerston North Branches a Mother's Day pro-

gramme was held on the 12th May, the Mothers receiving the traditional white flower to commemorate the day. The programmes at both branches were very well thought out, and I am sure the Mothers of those taking part were very proud.

On the 16th May Tamaki held a social evening in the Assembly Hall and an enjoyable evening was had by all those who attended, and Tamaki Branch thanks those members of the Palmerston North Branch who supported this evening. The entertainment consisted of games, dancing, etc., and of course, an excellent supper.

Also along the social line, Palmerston North held a farewell party for Brother and Sister Trilford, who have started on an extended tour of the North Island. We wish them well on their trip, and we know that they will receive a big welcome in whatever district they may find themselves. This social was held on the 18th May and was indeed a great success. The branch presented them with a lovely ink stand and writing compendium.

On the 19th May, Tamaki and Palmerston North had their Aaronic Priesthood programmes. This programme was also well thought out in a very pleasing manner.

Once more the district is saying goodbye to missionaries; this time Elder and Sister Wood, who will soon be on their way home. On the 7th June a small social was held in their honour at the Palmerston North Branch, and the evening was passed very pleasantly with games, dancing, items, and singing. We shall all be sorry to lose these good people, especially the Genealogical members, as Sister Wood has indeed helped a great deal in this respect. We wish both Elder and Sister Wood all the best for the future and a good journey home.

Clive, the young son of Brother and Sister Clive Irving, was baptized into the Church on the 8th June and confirmed on the 9th. Congratulations, Clive.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

The district has settled down now after the hustle and excitement of Hui Tau; reports for this news column have been coming in from all branches, but I must apologize to New Plymouth. After Elder Green's really wonderful effort, I find that I have lost his report, but I will try to cover your activities as well as I can.

At a leadership meeting in Manaia on the 25th May Elder O. Pearce presided for the last time and he announced the appointments of Brother Bruce Judd as President of Genealogy for this district and Sister Louisa Stent as 1st Counsellor to Sister H. White in the District Relief Society. Our leadership meetings are becoming very popular with lesson demonstrations, inspirational talks, and lots of good instruction. Besides district meetings on this day Brother Wairoa and H. Kaka paid us a visit to organize the Taranaki group of the 6th Elders' Quorum. There are two new Elders to join this group and they are Brother Bruce Judd of New Plymouth and our "live wire" Brother William A. Anderson of Wanganui. These two members were ordained Elders at Hui Tau. Our congratulations to you both. It seems as if Brother Judd is featuring quite a bit in the news this month so here is something else about him! Together with his father and Brother Tuahana, Brother Judd laboured at the College for one week while the New Plymouth Elders milked his cows! The Sisters in New Plymouth have now held their first Relief Society meeting (the 28th May) with Sister H. White conducting.

From Manaia we hear that the Primary took over the Sacrament meeting with their special May programme and on Mother's Day a lovely programme was presented with each mother receiving a "foam sponge" flower. Brother and Sister Kapua Manuirirangi hav been home on a visit from the College.

At Utiku on the 4th May members dug their potato crop; they say they'll get rich quicker next year as there was more quality than quantity in the potatoes dug. M.I.A. has grown so well that meetings are now being held in the Utiku Public Hall. Quite a number of non-members attend meetings and a lot of fun is had during recreation time. Brother James O'Brien has been set apart as 1st Counsellor and Denise O'Brien as secretary. The Utiku members send their very best wishes to the Thorner family who have moved to another locality; they will really be missed in Utiku. To raise money for the Temple College Fund a dance was held on the 18th at the Utiku Hall. It was quite a success with the Relief Society Sisters furnishing the supper. Here is a notice to all Mothers who have sons attending the Waiouru Military Camp. Would you please notify them that meetings are held every Sunday night at 7 o'clock at the camp. Elders Kaufman and Robinette make a special effort to take the Gospel to your sons and they hitch-hike to Waiouru after attending Utiku Sunday School. These Elders stay in Waiouru over night and tract on Monday and Tuesday.

With the transfer of Brother and Sister Heperi to Kai Iwi, it is not possible for them to attend meetings as in the past, so it has become necessary to release Brother Warea Heperi as teacher in the Priesthood class and Sister Elaine as secretary of the Sunday School. Brother John Kells has been set apart as the new Sunday School secretary and Sister Rita Anderson as teacher in the Sunday School Primary class.

We were very pleased to welcome Brother Waka's father, Brother Pita Heperi, from Waitangi to our meeting on the 5th May. On Mother's Day an interesting Sunday evening meeting was held and it is a pity more Mothers were not there to enjoy it. The commemoration service of the Aaronic Priesthood on May 19th was really good. We all appreciated the vocal items as well as the very good talks. Guess that's all for this month.

Blessings on 5th May at Manaia: April Maha and Ruth Maha.

P.S.—We had 70 children at our District Picnic, not 10 as previously printed.

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Maria Elkington

Kia Ora, Folks. Again we bring you news from the Waikato. Right now we are experiencing our typical Waikato weather—rain, sunshine, fog and more rain.

This month we were sorry to lose one of our fine Zion families from the College—Elder Bates, his lovely wife and two children. Elder Bates had not only been an asset to the College Project, but also to Sunday School work taught in the district at Raglan and Tekowhai. However, we wish to welcome to the district Elder Maxwell and his family. Elder Maxwell will take charge of the transport and maintenance work which Elder Bates supervised. Also new here are Elder and Sister Hodges—we hope they will enjoy it here.

Raglan Sunday School is now being assisted by Brother Rex Wadham. Elder Keys, who has charge of the Hoe-O-Tainui and Tahuna Sunday Schools, now has a fine teacher in Brother Rufus Mihaere. It is marvellous to note just how many Sunday Schools we have in the district—a count of ten and each has been furnished wtih fine teachers whom we feel are doing fine work.

HAMILTON! My the time this report reaches the press, two fine young people of this Branch will have been joined in Holy wedlock. Noleen Parker and Allan Forbes. Good wishes, and smooth sailing to you both.

Welcome home to our Mother, Sister Rangi Te Hira, who has been very ill in the Waikato Hospital, but through the faith of her family, and the prayers and fasting of the Saints, her health has been restored.

With a committee comprising of Marsh Parata, Chairman; Ian Garry,

Secretary; Merv. Sanders, Agriculture Organiser; Bill Perriton, Publicity Director; Arnold Ormsby and Mary Hughes, Dance Organisers; and Harry Marshall, Women's Committee Representative, they have done much to raise funds for their proposed chapel, a sum of £695/6/6.

The main highlight of the M.I.A. activities for the month of May was the "Travelogue of Nations," the theme being "South Pacific Cruise" which included the Polynesian groups and America. Each country, accompanied by a narration, portrayed the various songs, dances, arts and crafts depicting the folklore of its peoples and customs. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, and all are now looking forward to the "Pioneer Nite" in July.

A welcome to our new converts, Sister Turinui (wife of Peter Turinui) and their three children, Sydney Shepherd, Pat Strange, and we assure them they will find added happiness.

Hamilton Gleaner Basketball team, winners of Hamilton B Grade Championship last year, are endeavouring to retain the shield again this year and have been fortunate in having two of their players selected for the reps, Shirley Morgan and Barbara Parker.

The beginning of the month saw two young people from the College joined in wedlock—George Marsh and Elaine TeNgaio who are now settled in at the College. The ceremony was simple, with Brother Eru TeNgaio officiating and Maurice Pearson conducting. The hall was artistically decorated and friends and relations came from far and near.

We welcome to the Puketapu Branch Elder and Sister King who are residing at the Mission Home in Huntly, and we know that their membership to this Branch will prove a great boost and asset. Sister King is originally from Hastings whilst Elder King hails from the States. Sister King now has the women busily practising choral numbers for our district one-day Hui Pariha on the 30th of this month.

Until our next issue, cheerio for now.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

The district is now looking forward to their conference which is scheduled to take place on July 21st at Porirua, and to all near and far a special invitation is extended.

On May 25th a baptismal service was held by the Proselyting Missionaries and entering into the waters of baptism were Sisters Mary Mitchell and Pamela Snelgar of Hutt Branch and Hohepa Solomon of Porirua.

Once again another of our missionaries has left en route for home and to Elder Fred Brown we say, "THANKS" for his service in helping to spread the Gospel in this district and we wish him success in his future life. We welcome Elder H. Reed who came up from Christchurch and wish him happy tracting.

Congratulations are extended to Sister Kamiria Pou of Porirua on passing her State Finals in the Nursing Profession, also Sister Leah Manihera on graduating as a Dental Nurse in Wellington.

The district certainly congratulates Brother and Sister Ben Wineera of Porirua who on May 23rd celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary at their residence with members of their families.

Hutt Branch reports that meetings are now being held at the Public Library. This branch hopes to soon see their dreams fulfilled when they commence on the building of their much-needed Chapel.

The Branch Presidency is now fully organized and assisting President Howard Hodgerson and counsellor Charles Peihana are Brothers Robert Walker and Reynolds, Snr., who have become 2nd counsellor and secretary.

Following the release of Brother Tata Parata, Jr., from Sunday School Superintendent, this position is now in the able care of Brother George Tuau

with Brother Adams and Sisters Peti Parata and Yvonne Donney as his counsellors and secretary.

Sister Rakapa Parata is now their new M.I.A. secretary.

Wellington Branch welcomes back Sister Joanne Jocomus from Australia where she has been on vacation for some months.

A farewell evening party was held in honour of Brother and Sister Derek Metcalfe who have gone to join the happy large family at the College. Both will be missed as they played a great part in the branch; Brother Derek for some years has served as 1st counsellor in the Branch Presidency and Sister Maureen is at present the Relief Society President. We wish them and their family all the best.

June 8th was a day to remember in the lives of Brother Paul Suapaia and Sister Dorothy Coverdale, because on this day they were united together at the Porirua Chapel in a simple and beautiful ceremony by Elder Mick Stinson. The reception, which was held in the Recreation Hall, was outstanding and many friends were gathered there to wish this popular couple all the best in the new life that they had undertaken.

From Porirua comes the news of the release of Sister Aneta Wineera from Sunday School secretary and the appointment of Sister Myra Wineera to this office.

A Choir Committee has now been organized with Brother James Elkington as President with Brothers Patara Pene, Nana Tahau and Sister Myra Wineera as assistants and secretary respectively. Choir master is Brother Puoho Katene.

A Choral Festival was held recently where joy was brought to many as they sat and listened to beautiful inspiring music presented by the Choir and introduced by its narrator, Sister Whatu. Another such Festival is scheduled for the Conference night, July 21st, and an invitation to attend is extended.

On May 29th, sponsored by the Relief Society, a successful concert was held where from all branches in the district hidden talents were brought out and an enjoyable evening was held.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Alec Wineera, Jr., on the birth of their daughter.

On June 3rd, Hareti, youngest daughter of Brother and Sister George Katene, passed away at her parents' residence at the age of 27 years. Always known for her friendliness and good heartedness and good sportsmanship, she made many friends, and was admired for what she stood for and teachings she upheld. Her funeral service, which was held at the Chapel, was conducted by President Kere Katene, speakers being President John Elkington and Elder Gardner who spoke on her character and life and on the teachings and beliefs of the Gospel that she believed and loved. With the voice of Brother Mark Metekingi singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and the Choir rendition of "I'll Walk Today Where Jesus Walked," one truly felt that Sister Hareti was indeed in the presence of her Heavenly Father.

We welcome back from the College Brother and Sister Reg Tarawa and family, also Brother and Sister Ru Tarawhiti who have been away for several years; it's good to see you both back and we are certainly happy to have you home as more leaders are needed.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

Christchurch Branch:

Salutations from the "Mainland" to our readers of the *Te Karere*. First we would like to thank Judy Hutson who filled this position during the past year; she is now working diligently on Genealogy and is keeping the branch moving in this work.

Another shuffle of the Elders has taken place; Elder Rasmussen has been transferred to Dunedin as Senior Elder and in his place we have Elder Bob Evans.

Highlight of the month was "Mother's Day." A special session at Sunday School was held where every

Mother received a spray of white flowers with a poem, written by Vernice Wineera especially for the occasion, attached to it.

Activities in the M.I.A. group have been at a peak with a visit by the group to the Industries Fair. Included in the activities was a Fireside conducted by Elder Carr and attended by a bumper congregation and was much appreciated by those present. Elder Carr produced some excellent slides of the College and Temple. To those who had not seen the work it was an eye-opener. A committee has been set up to run a series of firesides under Elder Carr with Willis Burge as Whipper In and Beverly Wilton as Recorder. (By the way, our Bev is getting a little excited as the time draws near for her departure for B.Y.U.) It is intended to hold a fireside every other week.

Those of us who journeyed down to Dunedin for the District's first Hui Pariha were well rewarded for our efforts. It was the nicest Hui I have ever attended. How lovely it was to meet with all our old friends and to meet so many new Saints from as far south as Invercargill: Ben Hippolite, Jr., from Nelson, who gave a lovely talk at one of the sessions; Hans Gilgen from Bluff. The only fault with the Hui was that it went all too quickly. It commenced on Saturday evening with a delicious banquet, and I mean Banquet; to the Sisters who looked after the Kai, many thanks. You did a wonderful job." What a pity our beloved President Ballif and his lovely wife missed this banquet. Through a plane delay they had to be set down at Oamaru Airport and then had to be transported about 90 miles by bus to Dunedin, but they did arrive in time for the concert programme.

Saturday's evening concert was well arranged and received by over 100 Saints and friends; highlight was the amusing playette with Branch President Jim Marshall in the leading roll.

Sunday commenced with a strong representation of the Priesthood at an 8:00 a.m. meeting conducted by Tumuaki. Relief Society meeting at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:00 the first general session was held. Perhaps the meeting which will forever remain in my mind was the officers' and teachers' meeting conducted by Sister Ballif. All could not have helped but be inspired by her wonderful talk.

Something new in the way of a session was held on Sunday afternoon with a get-togther of the Melchizedek Priesthood and Senior Aaronic members and their wives. The theme was "What the Priesthood Means to Me." Here again we had some beautiful talks and testimonies. Sunday evening's session brought to a close the most inspiring and lovely Hui one could attend.

President and Sister Ballif flew up to Christchurch on the Queen's Birthday and met the Saints for a few hours before going on to Auckland. I understand that Brother Wilton showed Tumuaki some sites for our proposed chapel.

Dunedin Branch:

May proved a quiet but busy month preparing for the Annual Conference held June 1st and 2nd. As a rehearsal for the Saturday evening concert programme for conference, the M.I.A. group had a most enjoyable day travelling to Invercargill and giving their concert programme to the Saints of Invercargill at the home of Sister Stroud and returning home that same evening. We express our thanks to the Invercargill Branch for their warm welcome and also to those members of the Dunedin Branch who made their cars and time available to help with the transport arrangements.

It was good to welcome Sister Barret back after her second time in hospital.

A special Mother's Day programme, with the Primary children playing a prominent part, was most pleasing with a record attendance of parents present.

Births.—A son to Brother and Sister D. Leckie; a daughter to Brother and Sister R. Matheson.

Hui Tau 1957 — Proselyting Missionaries.

IN MEMORIAM

To the land of fair promise, the glorious West,
They came with the flag that their fathers had blest.
And there on the shore of the great Peaceful Sea
They planted this flag of the brave and the free.

Over mountain and valley and desert and plain
They built the great highway that reached to the main,
And with girdles of iron and rivets of gold
They welded the East and the West in one fold.

They flung open the doors and the wonders revealed
Of the vaults of the ages long hidden and sealed;
And into the lap of the nation was rolled
The wealth of their treasure, unreckoned, untold.

By a touch that was magic they scattered in rills
The streams that rushed down from the snow-crested hills,
And the valleys beneath that were barren and grey
Were transfigured with beauty in wondrous array.

It was not theirs to know what their labours had wrought,
Though they served with a fullness of purpose and thought.
It was not theirs to reap, though the seeds that were sown
Fell in rich fertile soil, and in beauty have grown.

For us is the harvest; we garner the store,
And they who come after shall garner still more,
For the empire they founded was not for a day,
But in majesty rises as years pass away.

On the hillside they rest 'neath the green waving grass,
Where the blossoms bend low as the Wasatch winds pass.
They are resting; the work of our heroes is done;
They have been mustered out and called home one by one.

And the future shall write them in bronze and in stone—
Their name and their day, and the deeds they have done,
And the youth of the land who beholds it and reads
Shall read life's greatest lesson—the lesson of deeds.

—May Belle T. Davis.

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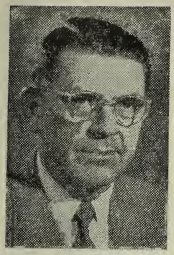

He Kupu Aroha

The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

THERE was a "famine in the land" of Utah in 1855. There was little or no rain and practically every green thing was eaten up by the grasshoppers. The winter of 1855-56 was terrible. Cattle froze to death in the fields and the people had to live on rations of "half-a-pound of breadstuff per day each." In B. H. Roberts' *History of the Church*, vol. 4, p. 110, he says, "A fast day was proclaimed for the Church on the first Thursday of each month, and the food saved in that way was distributed among the poor; and thousands of persons who had an abundance of bread put their families on rations in order to save the same for those who could not otherwise obtain it." And he goes on to tell us that everyone was fed and no one suffered.

There was the real genuine spirit of the fast day. They recognized that by going without food for one day each month, enough could be saved to insure the entire group against starvation until another harvest.

There were those who had harvested more grain and had stored it securely but they were interested in the welfare of the entire Church membership. They gave without hesitation not only the amount saved by the Fast but the *surplus* that was stored in their granaries.

These people did not worry about how many hours the Fast was to last, nor did they make an extra large meal in the afternoon, eating twice as much food as they would have done at any regular meal.

In doing this one misses the real point of the fast offering. The idea of Fast Day is a day, not a fast hour or two. The real motive is to sacrifice some pleasure, some convenience, or some comfort on your part so that someone else might be helped. You go without eating one full day and give what you don't eat to help someone who is less fortunate than you are.

The object is to go without, not feeling sorry for your own hunger, but happy with the idea of being able to serve your fellowmen; being able to help remove the suffering of someone else.

The pioneers took care of themselves and thousands of the migrating Saints from Europe during that winter of 1855-56. Our leaders have designated the first Sunday as the Fast Day instead of Thursday. Let us follow their wisdom and advice and make the first Sunday of each month a genuine fast day; saving the cost of eating and giving the value to your Branch President to be used in helping the needy.

"We are all interested in the great latter-day work of God, and we all ought to be co-workers therein."—John Taylor.

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

DID you ever try making a profit on your shortcomings? It is possible, you know. It is possible by the simple business method of counting your debts and your assets, and then determining to not only balance the books but increase the profits. Yes, it is possible to do something about the shortcomings in one's personality.

John Hersey once wrote a story about a young cook whose beauty was far below the average and who was forced by certain circumstances to take a large dead fish with her on her first date with a promising young man. She was disheartened and resentful. After facing up to the fact that it couldn't be avoided, she decided to make the most of it. Thereupon, the fish became the subject of conversation and laughter, and it accompanied the couple to the restaurant, the dance, the park. Because of it her personality became out-going and gay. She impressed the young man as being a charming, desirable person. He did not notice her lack of beauty. Without the fish, which was her "parcel of shortcomings" that particular evening, she probably would have been too shy to speak and the young man would never have called on her again.

Shortcomings, or faults if you prefer to call them that, are of several kinds. Victoria Lincoln describes them in these words: "The ones that aren't faults at all, but unrecognized assets; the ones you can get rid of, and ought to; and the ones you're stuck with and have to live around. And," she continues, "you're better know which is which, or you're due to waste a lot of potential capital."

Why is it that we so often underrate ourselves? Why do we keep naming our faults over and over to ourselves and others until they become so big we can see nothing else? Why do we tell people we can't do things because we are tongue-tied, or slow, or simple? Why do we become showcases for our shortcomings? Why do we say we are too fat, too tall, too slim, too dull, or too dumb? Someone may believe us if we tell them often enough.

One girl was so tall she called herself a giraffe and told everyone she met how tall she was. Another, who was a full inch taller said, "I hope I'm tall enough to be a model." I have a very dear friend who has a pronounced harelip, but no one ever notices it. People comment on her brilliant personality.

It is time we wiped the red off the balance sheet. It is high time we got rid of the faults that can be moved from us, and turn those which we cannot lose into valuable assets. Yes, it is time to make a profit on our shortcomings, be they physical or spiritual.

"An Item of Faith.—There has been something said about men turning away from the Church of Christ. If a man has not the witness in himself, he is not governed by the principles of eternal truth, and the sooner such people leave this Church the better."—The Gospel Kingdom, John Taylor, 1944, p.230.

EDITORIAL . . .

Sincerity of Prayer

SEVERAL times on a cold morning I have slept a little later and then hurriedly dressed and had prayer before going to work. Later, in thinking about those hastily uttered prayers, I realized that they were becoming a thing of routine without much depth of feeling or desire, and that they failed completely to create a feeling of closeness to my Heavenly Father. I realized that some of my prayers have been like a letter with many postscripts added because I hadn't actually considered what I wanted to say to Him in our few minutes together. This was my resolution: "To make each visit with my Father something special, something to create a closeness." How? . . . By sharing with Him the sincere feelings of my heart, my joys, my trials, my appreciation of new learning or good news received, the results of *all* my activities, especially the success I achieved because I followed His advice. Oh, it does me good to really talk with Him! Then, each day is like opening a surprise package, one filled with help and opportunity.

I remember the day I learned the value of *sincere prayer* and how impressed I was to know that my Heavenly Father was ready to supply help as soon as *I* realized my need and sought His help, *believing* He could and would help.

My companion and I, still weak from a siege of 'flu, had gone out tracting. The day was beautiful, so we hadn't taken our raincoats. However, in the late afternoon the storm clouds appeared, but we managed to reach our house before the rain began to fall in torrents, without sign of stopping before morning. I had no coat to wear, having left it elsewhere, and the time of another cottage meeting was rapidly approaching. As I knew that another soaking would result in a relapse and more valuable proselyting time lost, I did the only thing possible. I took my problem to my Heavenly Father. I expressed my desire to fulfill my responsibilities as a missionary, and, realizing that I couldn't if ill, I asked Him to protect me from the elements, to strengthen my faith that I might have those blessings which I needed. On arising from my

knees, and without waiting to see *if* the rain was going to stop, I went out, got on my bike and peddled up the hill to our meeting, a 15-20 minute ride. I wasn't wet; I wasn't ill, for as soon as I stepped off the porch, the rain ceased. I knew within my heart that He'd heard, and in recognizing my need and the sincerity of my request, He granted His protection. It was as if He'd said, *"Try me,* my daughter, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing greater than you can contain. For when you keep my law then I am bound to keep my promise. If you shall truly seek me, you shall find me, and if you will ask me, I will provide." Yes, I am learning that my Father asks nothing of me without providing a way whereby I might accomplish it. And with that knowledge I have discovered that it is I who benefits from prayer, for with an honest and sincere prayer, I become gratefully aware of my situation in life and of the many blessings which my Heavenly Father has so lovingly and mercifully given me.

—K.S.B.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

We have just received word from the First Presdency indicating that the Board of Education for the South Pacific Islands has been set up with the following personnel: Elder Wendell B. Mendenhall, Chairman; Owen J. Cook, acting as Executive Secretary; and D'Monte W. Coombs, Ermel Morton, and Edward L. Clissold. We are very grateful for the men selected. They will work untiringly for the advancement of the educational programme in the South Pacific Islands. The First Presidency state further: "There will be an advisory committee formed under the direction of the Pacific Board of Education, with the approval of the First Presidency, in which the Mission Presidents of New Zealand, Tonga, and Samoa will act respectively as chairman of the committee. The advisory committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Principal of the School."

MISSION SUPPLY REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

The support of ALL individuals (including missionaries) ordering through the Mission Supply Office for ANY materials—for branch, district, or private use.

Beginning on the 12th OF AUGUST all Mission Supply orders are to be obtained through the use of a special requisition. This requisition will be supplied to all District Presidents, who in turn will supply them to the branches. (Those NOT associated with any branch may send directly to the Mission Office for these forms.) People wanting books or other supplies should obtain a requisition form from either the District or Branch President.

Every Family a Missionary

IN our first round of the Hui Parihas we have been emphasizing the importance of the family as a missionary in every community throughout the Mission. We are happy to reprint an article about the Coombs family in Ohio who show what good can be done by a family who will take the lead and show in their lives the great principles of the Gospel. We are certain you will find inspiration in this article.

With the help of a Salt Lake City missionary family an Ohio branch, which mission authorities considered closing two years ago, is now prospering.

The branch is at East Liverpool, Ohio, the pottery manufacturing centre of the nation located just inside the Ohio line from Pennsylvania and just across the Ohio River from West Virginia.

Before Elder Kenneth E. Coombs, a Salt Lake real estate man, and his family arrived, members were meeting in a very old home. Church attendance was down to almost nothing.

Elder and Mrs. Coombs established their children in school. Mary Jo registered at the University of Pittsburgh; Melba and David enrolled in the Chester High School and Steven in the elementary school.

Then the couple exerted every influence into their missionary work, first reviving branch members and then seeking for new converts. Though discouraged many times, their prayers were answered and gradually their labours bore fruit.

In the 22 months since their arrival in the mission the branch has come to be known as one of the finest in the West Penn District. Attendance is almost three times greater than it was when they arrived. Tithing has increased noticeably. Men holding the Melchizedek Priesthood have increased from three to nine.

When the incoming officers take over there will be $6,000 (£2,137/12/0) in the bank and a building lot free and clear. In addition the branch owns a fine $2,000 (£712/12/8) organ, two electric ranges, an electric refrigerator, 36 new chairs and $50 (£17/16/3) worth of Junior Sunday School equipment. The branch Relief Society also has $250 (£89/1/4) in the bank for current expenses.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted last June 10th for a new chapel—a dream two years previous none of the members thought ever would come to pass.

The Coombs' have also made many friends in the city. Only recently Elder Coombs was invited by the ministerial organization of that community after being recognized as the "Mormon Church" to deliver 15-minute sermons over the radio station for a week.

After a year in the mission field Mary Jo was called as a full-time missionary. She laboured in Buffalo, New York City and Erie, Pa. Melba graduated from high school and was called as a full-time missionary. David graduated this spring from high school in the top bracket of his class. He served as senior class president. During his school year he was a district missionary on a part-time basis and now labours as a full-time missionary. He also has been serving as branch organist and recently was set apart as superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A.

Barbara, the Coombs' first child, was called in 1946 as a missionary to Sweden. Later she graduated from B.Y.U. School of Fine Arts, married Thomas A. Self and resides in California. They have two sons.

Shirley, the second daughter,

brought her husband into the Church. They have two boys and two girls.

Lois, the third daughter, served in the Eastern States Mission in 1951. She graduated from the University of Utah and married William John Sprunt in the Salt Lake Temple. They have two sons and a daughter.

The oldest son, Kenneth, Jr., was called as a missionary to the British Isles, scene of his father's mission. He will graduate from the University of Utah next spring.

Lynn, the second son, served in the Navy and married Lois Bills in the Salt Lake Temple. They have a son and a daughter. He has filled a stake mission.

Alan, the third son, is filling his mission in West Germany where he has served as a branch president and played on a sucecssful Church basketball team. Only recently he completed a mission-wide tour as business manager for the singing "Mormonaires."

Elder Coombs himself claims more than 30 years' missionary service, including two-full time missions, and more than 25 years as a stake missionary.*

*"Deseret News," Church Section, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 20th, 1957.

Meeting Held to Plan Welcome Programme for Dedication

ON June 15, 1957, the District Presidents and several experts on Maori culture were invted to attend a meeting in Auckland to discuss the proper welcome to be given the visit of our distinguished visitors from Church headquarters. We feel this vsit to be the most important event that has happened in our Church history in New Zealand.

There were forty people present at this meeting and the M.I.A., who have been given the responsibility for organizing the welcome programme and who have been teaching it to the membership of the Church throughout the Mission for the past year, presented ther programme to the people present for their discussion. Many comments were made back and forth and finally a proper arrangement of the items beng learned was decided upon, and through the recommendation of this group new parts were added that were felt to be vital to such an important welcoming ceremony. In this meeting the participation of all Polynesian groups was given consideration and each group assigned a part on the programme.

After full discussion of the programme and the rearrangement spoken of, everyone present unanimously agreed to support the programme as outlined and to do evertyhing within their power to help the groups in each of the districts to prepare themselves adequately for participation in this very important event. We appreciate the co-operation of all of these men and women who came long distances and who earnestly and sincerely examined the problem. Their conclusions and decisions are most important to all of us throughout the Mission. I do hope that you will follow their lead and everyone join with the Mutual people in making the programme a most outstanding success for the welcome to be extended to the President of our Church and his associates.

ARIEL S. BALLIF,
Mission President.

To the Law and Testimony

By GEORGE R. HALL

(Second of Three Instalments)

SO we see clearly from the covenant that the decalogue formed part of a covenant which the Lord made with the Children of Israel; and we see plainly that the Children of Israel and no one else are meant to be embraced in this covenant. But possibly an objection can be raised here. In order to refute this overwhelming proof, objectors will say that Israel as a nation God has cast off forever, and that Gentiles upon believing in Christ become instead the true Israel. Objectors made the claim that they (the modern believer in the continuing observance of the seventh day) constitute the true Israel and, therefore, keep the Decalogue. The texts usually quoted are: Galatians 3:7—"Know therefore that they which be of faith, the same are the sons of Abraham." Also Galatians 3:28, 29—"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for all are one man in Christ Jesus; and if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise."

We of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints admit that Israel may be taken as an illustration of the Church and an Israelite may be taken as the type of believer who has been delivered from a bondage greater than that of Paraoh's. Therefore, if we are spiritually the Children of Israel, then let us keep the commandments spiritually when we observe one day in seven as a day of rest. But the believer in the seventh-day perpetuation will have none of this; they say that Decalogue is a literal code, and must be obeyed to the letter, particularly with regard to the seventh day. But our reply is that they cannot have it both ways. If they are under the Decalogue as a literal code, then they must consistently be the descendants of that literal Israel who came out of that literal Egypt.

Here is an illustration: English law has been quoted in high places as the basis of American law, but the fact remains that for the safety of the public, English law has it that all vehicular traffic must keep to the left. But American law, which is based on English law, has it that all vehicular traffic must keep to the right. An Englishman in America observes the English regulation in the true spirit thereof, although he has to keep to the right side of the road instead of the left. The mere specification does not alter the spirit of observance. And so the New Testament, arising out of the Old Testament, shows us the old Mosaic code done away. But the spirit remains, and we keep the fourth commandment spiritually when we worship one day in seven.

I have previously shown that the Ten Commandments are inextricably bound up with the Old Covenant. I repeat the words of the Covenant: The Ten Words were "written in the Book of the Covenant," were sprinkled with the "Blood of the Covenant," they were engraved upon the "Tables of the Covenant," which in turn were placed within the "Ark of the Covenant." (Deut. 9:9.) Could anything be clearer than that?

In a book written by Uriah Smith, "The Two Covenants" (Australian edition, 1926), page four says, "If the Ten Commandments constitute the old covenant, then they are forever gone." So this is the test question. Mr. Smith argues that "before Moses was called up to receive the law of the Ten Commandments which God had written, the first covenant had been made, closed up, finished, and ratified by the shedding of blood." This is all very true but, unfortunately for this argument, the Ten Commandments,

spoken audibly to the people, had been written by Moses in the book of the covenant. As the writer to the Hebrews says in Hebrews 9:18-20, "Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, saying this is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you."

So we understand that the book of the covenant was sprinkled; and in Deut. 9:9 we read that the tables of the law themselves are called by Moses the "Tables of the Covenant." Shall we believe Moses or those who hold the seventh day doctrine in perpetuity? These people admit, as enunciated by Uriah Smith, that the old covenant is gone. Then they actually admit that the ten words (commandments) are gone also. It is not within my province to launch out in criticism against any particular community of theologists, but rather to clear up some misunderstandings which cloud the issue.

Moses is not the only one to identify the ten commandments with the Old Covenant; Solomon also did so, for when the Ark of the Covenant was brought into Solomon's newly-finished temple, we read in I Kings 8:9, "There was nothing in the Ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the Children of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt. In Verse 21 of the same chapter, Solomon says, "And I have set there a place for the Ark, wherein is the Covenant of the Lord, which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt." Here we learn that the sole contents of the Ark were the two tables, and these were identified by Solomon with the covenant made at Horeb, or Sinai. Who then is wiser, Solomon, who was familiar with the Jewish mind and who lived much nearer the time, or those of today, divided by a chasm of thousands of years, dabbling in a doctrine that is without spiritual promise?

All Christian organizations admit that we live under a new covenant. Read II Corinthians 3:3-16. Here it will be noticed that the express teaching of the Apostle Paul is that the Old Covenant is contrasted with the new, and that the new far transcends the old. The Old Testament is there referred to as written on tables of stone, was of a letter, i.e., a written code which killeth, was a ministration of death and then this significant statement in Verse 11, "For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious."

The New Covenant is referred to as written upon tables that are hearts of flesh, it is of a spirit which giveth life, shall subsist with glory (verse three), which spirit is a "ministration of righteousness" (verses eight and nine). So, then, according to the Apostle Paul, that great apostle to the Gentiles, the Old Covenant was done away with—it was superseded by the New Covenant of our Lord and Saviour.

Caveats may again be lodged here. The first is Matt. 5:17, "Think not that I come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Let us probe further into this and examine the context carefully.

These verses are erroneously applied to the law alone. Milton Wilcott, for instance, in a copy of the "Signs of the Times" for November 8th, 1926, comments on Matt. 5:17-20 as follows: "The law of which the Master is speaking is clearly indicated in Verses 21 and 27, where two precepts are quoted, viz., 'Thou shalt not kill' and 'Thou shalt not commit adultery'—parts of the great primal cade, the Decalogue." To understand what that term the "Law and the Prophets" means, we have to understand what it meant to a Jewish mind. Since Jesus was a Hebrew, He would surely

mean a connotation which was understood by the Hebrew mind. The term "Law and Prophets" was a term used to describe the Hebrew scriptures. The Hebrew scriptures were divided into the Law, or Torah, which comprised the first five books of Moses; the Prophets, comprising the books of Joshua, Judges, 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the twelve minor prophets, and the writings (Kothubim), comprising the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1st and 2nd Chronicles. The division bears out what our Lord said in Luke, "And He (Jesus) said unto them, these are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

In thorough agreement with this we find in the New Testament the expressions "Law and the Prophets" and "Moses and the Prophets" as meaning the whole of the Hebrew Old Testament scriptures. So how can the word "Law" refer to the Decalogue?

We have seen that Christ at the commencement of His ministry said that He came to fulfill the law and the prophets. After His resurrection He said in reference to this matter, "These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, how that all things must be fulfilled, which are written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms concerning me." The inference here is that prior to His death all things written as indicated were to be fulfilled; and after His resurrection, the climax having been reached, fulfilment had taken place.

The "Two Law theory" is perhaps worthy of mention here. According to the theory the Children of Israel had two codes of laws; one, the moral law, contained in the commandments, which they call the "Law of God;" the other they call the "Ceremonial Law" or the "Law of Moses." They say that the moral law differs from the ceremonial law in that it was given by God Himself upon stones, whereas the law of Moses "related only to ordinances of a typical and shadowy nature pointing to Christ." It is maintained that the moral law is still in force, but that the ceremonial law is done away.

Now this distinction is not drawn in scripture at all. It is a distinction made by students in theology in order to differentiate between certain aspects of the whole law. The terms Moral or Ceremonial Law are not found in scripture, and those clinging to the principle of "seventh day in perpetuity," when confronted with strict scriptural terms, are in the greatest quandary when arguing on the two law theory. No where in the Bible, if I know it correctly, does it say, "Thus saith the Lord, this is the moral law," or "Thus saith the Lord, this is the ceremonial law." In so important a matter there is to be no guesswork.

According to seventh day observers the moral law was written on tables of stone and placed within the Ark. But the ceremonial law, which related to ordinances of a typical and shadowy nature, were contained in a book by the side of the Ark. A very important and notable passage is to be found recorded in Matt. 22:37-40, "And He said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Plainly these two commandments, according to Jesus, are the greatest moral commandments. Indeed, our Lord said that the whole law hangs on them (this includes the seventh day); this expression of our Saviour is not to be found in the Decalogue, nor the commandments herein quoted, but are to be found in Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18. This excavates the "Two Law Theory." **(To be continued.)**

Headmaster of Our College has been Appointed

WE are delighted to learn that Brother Clifton D. Boyack has been selected as the headmaster of our school. We are reprinting here the article that appeared in the Church Section of the "Deseret News" which gives a very good account of Elder Boyack's background and preparation for his assignment to the New Zealand Mission.

Elder Clifton D. Boyack, elementary principal in the Berkeley, Calif., School District, has been named president of the Church's New Zealand College at Hamilton, N.Z.

The new President, 1st Counsellor in the Berkeley Second Ward Bishopric, Berkeley-Oakland Stake, has been an elementary, junior and senior high school principal. He has been in the Berkeley School District for 15 years as either teacher or administrator.

Elder Boyack, a graduate of Delta High School, Delta, Utah, was awarded his bachelor's degree from the Brigham Young University in 1936. He has been awarded his master's and doctor's degrees from the University of California at Berkeley.

Elder and Mrs. Boyack and their four children will sail for New Zealand from San Francisco on August 11. Mrs. Boyack is the former Grace Richards of Salt Lake City. Their children are Susan, 17; Don, 15; Le, 10; and Margary, 5.

The appointment of Elder Boyack as President of the New Zealand College was made by the First Presidency through the South Pacific Board of Education.

Elder Boyack has a long list of school administrative activities to his credit.

He has authored writings on child guidance and counselling work for teachers and administrators, and has formulated programmes for teachers' orientation and orientation practices in California schools.

A member of the Boy Scouts of America for 20 years, he has been a district commissioner for two separate Scout councils. For five years he was on the board of management of the Y.M.C.A. and the board of camp management. He has also been an area youth committeeman.

For three years Elder Boyack was chairman of the Berkeley American Red Cross board of directors and a member of the board for five years. He has been chairman and a member of the board of the Family and Children's Service Society. He is a member of the West Berkeley Lions Club.

Elder Boyack has been active in promoting better relationships between parents and schools. He was a member of the Berkeley School platform committee, and public relations committee and the report card committee. He has been chairman of the Junior Traffic Advisory Council and president and secretary of the Berkeley Elementary Principals' Association.

The new President has also been vice-president of the Berkeley Teachers' Association, and chairman of the personnel and auditing committees of the association.

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"For behold I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work among the children of men save it be according to their faith." (II Nephi 27:23.)

PRIESTHOOD

By ELDER LeROY J. RASMUSSEN

SOMETIMES we as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints do not realize the positon of the Priesthood in the world today. Perhaps it is because we don't fully realize what the Priesthood is and what it means to us in our lives.

The Priesthood is the power of God, the power by which the Father and His Son perform all their work in righteousness in Heaven and on the earth. It is the power by which God has performed His great works in the past, by which He operates at present and by which He will continue to accomplish His achievements in the future. Priesthood is the power of God delegated to man to act in His stead here on the earth. It is through this Priesthood that the ordinances of the Gospel are performed and made binding. It is the authority by which the Church of Jesus Christ was organized in this last dispensation, and it is also the authority by which the Church in the various dispensations has functioned under the direction of the Holy Prophets. (*Priesthood and Church Government,* pp. 32-33.)

According to the Prophet Joseph Smith, all Priesthood is Melchizedek, or there is only one Priesthood, but the Lord has divided it into two divisions, namely the Melchizedek and the Aaronic. We sometimes hear of the Levitical Priesthood, which is part of the Aaronic. The Aaronic Priesthood embraces the offices that have to do with the temporal affairs of the Church, the crying of repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, while the Melchizedek deals with the spiritual side of the Church, and also contains all the keys and powers that are held in the Aaronic. (*Doctrine & Covenants,* Section 107; also *Priesthood and Church Government,* p. 102.)

The Aaronic Priesthood acts as a forerunner and preparatory period in the lives of men to enable them to be capable of greater blessings and obligations. These greater blessings are those of living worthy to receive of the fullness of the Priesthood. It gives us a certain amount of responsibilities; it gives us work in the Church of God. If we hold any office in the Priesthood, we have a portion of "the power of God" which, to me, makes us co-partners with Him in His work, which is "to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." What a great challenge; what a great responsibility! And we must remember that in working in this partnership with Him, if we only do our part, He has promised us our Eternal Salvation.

We, as Latter-day Saints, believe that salvation without exaltation is damnation. Our one great purpose is to become like God Himself. When we say that man may become like God, we do not mean to humanize God, but rather to deify man, not as he now is, but as he may become. To us salvation or life hereafter does not imply a sudden change into something that is entirely different from the life we live here. It is a continuing process of becoming pursuant to law and divine plan, of bringing one's life into harmony with the laws of God, or eternal laws, which would entail receiving of His divine and eternal power, which is the Priesthood.

We must realize that man is an eternal being with limitless possibilities, that he is the Son of the Creator of the universe, and that he can be endowed with that same power that God Himself has, if he is but worthy and willing to increase upon that which our Father gives him. Think of life here and hereafter as being one and the same, continuing from pre-mortal

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Here and There in the Mission

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (St. Mark 16:15-16).

Completing honourably 2½-year missions, a group of 10 missionaries sailed for the U.S.A. from Wellington via

Elder and Sister Wood

the *Monterey* on July 1st. Previously, a large group of Saints and the Auckland 2nd Branch Choir assembled at the train station in Auckland to farewell them. On their way home are ELDER DAVID H. and SISTER ADA WOOD who will tour in Tahiti and will visit several of their children in California before Elder Wood returns to city engineering work in Murray. While on this mission in New Zealand, Elder and Sister Wood proselyted for 3½ months in the Waikato District where she taught Genealogy work in the Sunday School. The next 23 months were spent in Hauraki. Elder Wood was Branch President in Waihi until he became the district president. During their last three months in Hauraki, Sister Wood did extensive teaching in "know how" principles in Genealogy work, giving aid which was most appreciated. The last three months of their mission were spent in Manawatu where Elder Wood was District President and Supervising Elder, and Sister Wood again taught three classes in Genealogy work. Before leaving the mission, the Woods made a short trip to Whangarei in interest of further genealogy work. Though the time spent in doing genealogy was short, they have given much valuable aid therein and the fruits of their labours will be evidenced in the vicarious temple work done here and the ncreased number of people doing, and doing better, their family work. Elder and Sister Wood have worked long and well in New Zealand, and we will long appreciate their counsel and efforts. Elder Wood, in comparing his former two missions among the Maori with this one, pointed out that previously travel was by pony over hill and muddy track, clothing was poorer, furniture was scarce, but humility, warm hospitality and generosity were high as evidenced in warm handshakes, gentle press of the noses, and al-

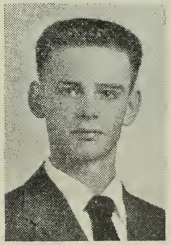
Elder Briggs

ways in the karakia, morning and night. There was always an appreciative audience for the message which they brought. He says that all too often now they have found modern entertainment replacing the karakia, and too often the "pub" with its evil influence permeating a home. Occa-

sionally they found the karakia . . . in a home at Wairoa, Maketu, or Whangarei. And for those families, their fatih, and their loyalty to the Gospel, the Woods give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father.

Well known throughout the New Zealand Mission is ELDER MERRILL D. BRIGGS of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of the New Zealand Mission Sunday School Board. Elder Briggs, who had been bookkeeping for a transportation company in Salt Lake City, arrived in New Zealand the 25th of December, 1954. His first assignment was proselyting in the Manawatu District for 15 months. He also taught a Priesthood class and was a chorister in the Sunday School there. He then continued his labours in the Waikato District where he was Supervising Elder and Teacher of the Investigators' class in the Hamilton Branch for 8½ months. Elder Briggs was then called to Auckland to replace Elder George R. Fannin, who had returned home, as Mission Sunday School Superintendent for 6½ months. The quality of his work and his unceasing effort to serve is well known throughout the Mission, as is the theme and goal of his life, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Elder Briggs plans on returning to the University of Utah to study either medicine or education. If his academic studies receive the same happy attention and enthusiasm characteristic of his work here, he shall become a noted scholar. Though happy over the prospects of a family reunion at home, he was sad over leaving many beloved friends, friends who have shared with him many of life's most important treasures. He is grateful that in the Church of Jesus Christ we are not many races, but *one* race, and that as we *learn* to accept each other as brother and sister, to become a "considerate" family, we avail ourselves of the blessings of righteous association and the sharing of each other's heritage and experience . . . and eternal joy.

Also returning with Elder Briggs is ELDER FRED CLAIR BROWN of Ogden, Utah. Previous to his mission, Elder Brown was attending Brigham Young University where he was studying accounting; he plans on continuing his studies providing he is not called to active military service first. Elder Brown arrived in New Zealand on December 24, 1954; he was first assigned to the Mahia District where he laboured for one year, nine months of which was in district work. He also taught in the Wairoa Sunday School. He continued

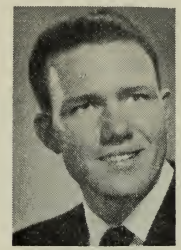


Elder Brown

doing district work in the King Country for the next nine months, after which he proselyted in Wellington for eight months. Elder Brown also worked in the Auckland Mission Recorder's Office for two weeks before spending his last three and a half weeks proselyting in the Bay of Plenty District. Elder Brown feels that he has been blessed with a variety of experience in his labours; he has worked with all kinds of people and under all types of circumstances, from travelling horseback, to car, to tracting without purse or script. From it all he has learned that there isn't any place or anything in which the Lord's help isn't needed and that experience should bring one closer to God and a greater joy with that closeness. The acceptance of his efforts by the people and the kind generosity and hospitality shown him here will

always leave within his heart a deep feeling of appreciation and gratitude.

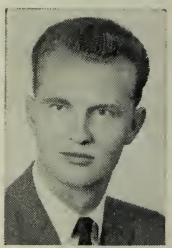
ELDER CHARLES ARLIN BARTSCHI of Nounan, Idaho, also completed an honourable mission and returned home via the *Monterey*. Elder Bartschi plans on continuing his studies at the Utah State Agricultural College wher he previously studied engineering. Elder Bartschi is well



Elder Bartschi

known and loved in those districts where he has laboured: Waikato District for 15 months, Taranaki for nine months where he also taught in the Sunday School, and in Auckland for six months where he was assigned the position of Travelling Elder with one of the Mission Presidency. Those who have known this elder have been blessed with his kindness and impressed with his cheerful willingness to serve, his hard work, and his humble spirit.

One of the most responsible and time-consuming jobs in the New Zealand Mission is that of Mission Secretary, and through the far-reaching effects of his work and the quality of that work, ELDER BARRY H. BRIGHT of Teton, Idaho, has become well known and appreciated by our people. After arriving in New Zealand on the 24th of December, 1954, he was assigned to the Auckland District where he was actively engaged in proselyting for 15 months in which time he also organized both a Primary and a Relief Society. He was then transferred into the Mission Office where he was Secretary for the remainder of his mission. Elder Bright feels that both of his mission assignments have helped him greatly in the development of his character, and we know that he is responsible for the teachings of the Gospel becoming an effective blessing in the lives of many people here. Elder Bright is known for his pleasing spirit, his support of truth, his willingness to serve and learn, and for the splendid use of his many talents. It is with no little feeling that the people wish him a "bon voyage." He said, "Phrases are inadequate to express my appreciation for the people in New Zealand with whom I have become associated during the past 2½ years. The memories of experiences here, both with members, non-members, and those who have become members, will forever be cherished. Tuku kehe feohi ma'u aipe moe O tua. Ia fa'a manuia le Atua ia te outou. God bless you always." Elder Bright will be returning to school at



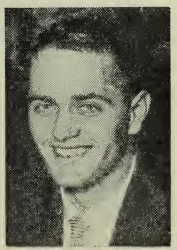
Elder Bright

Brigham Young University where he previously studied accounting for three years.

ELDER GERALD HARRISON BAILEY of Salt Lake City, Utah, has been honourably released after serving a 2½-year mission. Elder Bailey was first assigned to the Auckland District where he proselyted for 15 months, also teaching a Priesthood class in the Tamaki Branch. He then laboured for 2½ months in the Wellington District before being transferred

to the Bay of Plenty for the next 12½ months where he was supervising elder and an assistant in the Rotorua Branch. Though Elder Bailey has hard and effectively here, he found it hard to "leave an unfinished job." Missionary work is never done and there is much for each of us to do; life is spent in learning and using and sharing that knowledge. Elder Bailey appreciatees those blessings shared with him by the members and investigators here and joys with them in the blessings to come to the Saints through the dedication of the Temple. Elder Bailey is returning to school at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City where he has spent four years studying mechanical engineering.

After attending Brigham Young University for two years where he studied geographical engineering, ELDER JESSE WARREN TONKS of Springville, Utah, received and accepted a call to the New Zealand



Elder Bailey

Mission, arriving on November 4th, 1954. Elder Tonks laboured in Auckland for six months before being transferred to the Bay of Plenty District where he laboured for 14 months, 9 months of which he was supervising elder. He was then transferred to the Wairau District for one year where he was supervising elder and Branch President at Grovetown. It was Elder Tons' desire early in life to fulfill a mission in New Zealand for his father laboured in Wellington in 1920, and he communicated to his young son his love for missionary work among this people, and as a boy Elder Tonks was impressed with the valuable foundation laid in life through fulfilling a mission. He is truly grateful for the experiences and love shared here with him, and the only joy he could find in leaving "his people" here

Elder Tonks

is the hope he finds in being reunited with them in the future. Elder Tonks has done a wonderful work as is testified by those among whom he laboured, and the desire for a reunion will be anticipated by all who know him. Elder Tonks will continue his studies at the Brigham Young University.

ELDER ROBERT EARL WALGREN of Inglewood, California, flew home via PAA on July 4th after receiving an honourable release. Elder Walgren first proselyted in California for 1½ months while waiting passage to New Zealand, arriving on the 15th November, 1954. His first assignment was in the Manawatu District for 1½ years. In excess to his missionary labours, he worked in the Sunday School there. His next assignment was in the King Country for one year, during which time he was District Chorister. He was also Te Kuiti Branch President for four months. His last proselyting assignment was in the Auckland District for 2½ months. Those who know Elder Walgren realize that he has fit well into

life wherever he has been assigned and that he has worked hard with a cheerful and happy manner. That counsel which he leaves for us is exemplified in his own life, that is: "Take counsel from your leaders and you'll prosper in the land." The privilege of coming here and learning to know and work with the people of

Sister Manuiririangi

New Zealand is one which he will long appreciate and treasure. Elder Walgren expects to return to active duty with the U.S. Army for a period of two years. Previously he was a turret lathe operator.

Another New Zealand Saint who honourably finished her mission on 12th of July is SISTER TE HINGANGA BETTY MANUIRIRANGI, well known and loved in the Auckland District where she proselyted for the full term of her mission. She has returned home to Manaia after a short trip to the South Island. Sister Manuiririangi has been one of our most effective and successful missionaries. Her life is exemplary of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by example she has taught the Gospel throughout her life and will continue to do so. About her personage is an air of congeniality, love, and cheerfulness. Service to her is a privilege, and one to be desired. She said that to her a mission is an "honour, privilege, and blessing." True, a mission is an honour and a privilege, but it becomes a blessing only as the person makes it such through hard work, study, humility, and cheerfulness. Sister Manuiririangi has earned the "blessing." Our desires in life are many, but the only sure way of achievement is that which Sister Manuiririangi uses as a theme and guide in life: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33.) We are grateful for having worked with one of the Lord's choicest daughters and pray His blessings upon her throughout life.

On July 15th two more of our Elders sailed for home aboard the *Oronsay*.

ELDER ORLO KAE SPENCER of Neola, Utah, began his mission on January 21, 1955, at the College where he laboured for one month. He was then transferred into the Auckland Mission Office where he worked

Elder Spencer

for six months before proselyting in the Wellington District for nine months. Elder Spencer then did both district and proselyting work in the Whangarei District where he was supervising elder for nine months. The last five months of his mission were spent proselyting in the Taranaki District where he also acted as supervising elder for his last month there. Elder Spencer feels that his mission is the greatest education he could have and it has meant a great thing in his life and in learning to appreci-

ate the Gospel. Leaving was not an easy thing for him for many of the people here have become a part of his family. He said, "To *my people* in Whangarei, Wellington and Taranaki, let your motto always be: 'Ko ihowa toku hepara; e kore ahau e hapa. Mate atua e manaki inga wa katoa." And to you, Elder, we say "Thank you" for your help and "Ka Ngawari." Elder Spencer hopes to spend the next four years as a Naval Air Cadet.

Travelling with Elder Spencer was ELDER IVAN CARLISLE SMART of Union, Utah. For the first 15 months Elder Smart did District work in the King Country. He also taught in the M.I.A., and Sunday School and Priesthood organizations, and was secretary in the M.I.A., Superintendent in the Sunday School, and District M.I.A. President. His last 15 months were spent as district elder in the Waikato District, seven months of which he was Supervising Elder. Elder Smart said that to him working with the people here has been more than a joy, "it has been as paradise, and the honest plea of my heart is thta we'll meet again in the Kingdom of God." Elder Smart plans on attending the University of Utah and studying business; however, he may first serve two years in the army. Elder Smart, we appreciate your labours, especially those in the Waikato, and the willing, compassionate and happy spirit with which you performed them. To the people of New Zealand he says, "Ehara Tenei ite whakamutunga, Eaku tuakana, me aku tuahine, Note mea kahora kau ana he mutunga o tenei taonga'te oranga ote Tangata. Enoho ra ete Hunga Tapu, Kia kaha kia, manawanui ki nga mahi o te Rongopai ote Ariki o Ihu Karaiti."

To each of those journeying home we say, "May the Lord's blessings continue to be with you, may you realize within your heart the peace which comes from helping others, and may you live worthy of that love which we bear you because of your service to us, and may you continue to be a shining example of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom."

SISTER LOUISE CHARLENE DAWN SCHAUMKEL, formerly of Vavau, Tonga, was set apart as a missionary to the New Zealand Mission on July 12, 1957, by President Ariel S. Ballif. Sister Schaumkel has been residing in Auckland, New Zealand, since March, 1952; she is the daughter of Mr. Frank and Sister Olga Schaumkel. Previous to her mission call, Sister Schaumkel has been working as a machinist. Having always enjoyed activity within the Church, Sister Schaumkel was the

Elder Smart

Primary Secretary in the Auckland First Branch and has been the District *Te Karere* reporter prior to her mission call. Her first assignment is the Wellington District to proselyte with Sister Verna M. Davis as companion. We feel that Sister Schaumkel, with her sweet spirit, her willingness to serve, and her staunch testimony of the Gospel, will be able to render a pleasing service unto the Lord. Kia kaha, Sister. We are happy to have you working with us.

TRANSFERS . . .

ELDER E. DELL K. ALLEN from Auckland District to Bay of Plenty District with Elder Arvin J. Lords.

ELDER HAROLD L. HANSEN from Bay of Plenty District and ELDER GERALD ROSS McCULLOCH from King Country to labour at the L.D.S. College in Frankton as companions.

ELDER JAMES T. BRIGGS from Otago District and ELDER LARALLE J. HATCH from Waikato District to labour as companions in Taranaki District.

ELDER EVAN F. MORRISON from Waikato District to Taranaki District with Elder Leslie D. Burbidge.

SISTER LuDEAN THURSTON from Wellington District to Waikato District.

ELDER CHAD M. CAMPBELL from Taranaki District to Waikato District with Elder Alvin V. Gunderson.

SISTER MARY JANICE GARRET from Auckland District to Mission Office as Assistant Managing Editor of *Te Karere*.

SISTER BETTY MARTIN from Waikato District to Mission Office.

ELDER D. BOYD GREEN from Taranaki District to Auckland District with Elder David S. Summerhays.

ELDER ORLAND M. HUNSAKER from Auckland District to Wairau District with Elder Richard Roskelley.

DEDICATION OF NEW ZEALAND TEMPLE SET FOR APRIL 20th, 1958.

The New Zealand Temple will be dedicated April 20th, 1958, President David O. McKay announced.

Dedicatory services will be repeated as long as necessary to accommodate Church members in the South Pacific.

Following the last dedicatory service, the Temple will be opened for endowment work by those who assemble for the occasion.

Further details concerning the dedication will appear in the following issue.

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through post-mortal without a break. We must realize that each of these various stages of existence helps us to prepare for the next, just as do any of the offices in the Priesthood. God gives us talents and expects us to improve or increase on them; that way we are continually working toward our exaltation.

The Priesthood is a great thing in our homes and in our lives. Through it we are able to bring about more unity and brotherly love; we will have a greater understanding of the Gospel, which in turn will give us a greater opportunity to live in accordance with the laws of God. We must always magnify the calling that we have. The Lord has told us in these last days to act in our duties in all diligence, that we may be worthy to stand on His right hand. (*Doctrine & Covenants*, 107:99-100.)

The Priesthood is like a coat of armour which can be removed very easily if we are not careful. Sometimes we may feel that we are left without it, perhaps through unrighteous living, thus leaving us unworthy of such a great privilege, unless we repent and turn unto the Lord with a broken heart. We must be constantly aware of the fact that we are the sons of God and are capable of becoming heir to all that He is and has, but only through constantly increasing in knowledge of and obedience to His laws, which in turn is His power.

Priesthood Page

PRIESTHOOD REACTIVATION

FOR eighteen months now in all the stakes of the Church the brethren have been teaching the principles and procedures governing the programme for *Priesthood Reactivation.* Now let us orient ourselves on what has been done and what should be done. Let us see if we really know what Priesthood reactivation is all about.

What is the Church programme of Priesthood Reactivation? Has it taken hold in our stakes and among our quorums? Are we really getting results and bringing out inactive brethren into the full Priesthood programme? Do our quorums know how to use the white cards? The recapitulation sheets? Have they learned (if need be) to create and use quorum projects for the *sole* purpose of reactivating those who need it? Where does the personal missionary approach fit into Priesthood Reactivation? Are our week-night schools for senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood effective? Have we started our separate week-night schools for inactive Melchizedek Priesthood holders yet? How are our cottage meetings going with our senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood? With our inactive elders?

Priesthood Reactivation! It is a programme that will bring light and progress into every quorum and stake. Throughout the Church thousands will be brought into Church service (and eventually will gain salvation!) because of this great work. What are we doing about it? Will our skirts be clean as Priesthood officers, unless we accept the counsel of the Brethren and with all energy and diligence do our part in this mighty movement?

Need for Priesthood Reactivation

The need for this work of reactivation is apparent; it is assumed by every well-grounded Priesthood worker. There are senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood in every stake in the Church. Until these brethren receive the Melchizedek Priesthood, the door to celestial marriage and exaltation is closed to them. There are elders, seventies, and high priests in every stake who are not living acocrding to the high standards which the Gospel teaches. Some, for instance, do not pay a full tithing, honour the Sabbath, or keep the Word of Wisdom. Every year in every stake there are young people getting married who do not go to the Lord's House, the only place in which they may enter into the new and everlasting covenant of marriage. These things are known to all who work in the Church. But these conditions must be changed. Priesthood Reactivation will guide many of these brethren into the joy of Church service in this life and the fullness of reward in the life to come.

Objectives of Priesthood Reactivation

1. *A Church Assignment.* Bishop Buehner said: *"Life in the Church is a job in the Church!"* The initial objective of Priesthood Reactivation is to get a Church assignment for every adult brother in the Church. Real

reactivation begins with Church service. If a man does not have and will not accept a position of service in the Church, his real spiritual progression has not begun.

2. *Temporal and Spiritual Progression.* After an inactive brother has begun to serve, after he has started to put a little of himself into the Master's cause, then those who hold the reins of Priesthood Reactivation are to lead him along the road of temporal and spiritual progression. They are to help him get better employment, if he needs it, according to the terms of the employment placement programme of the Church welfare programme. They are to guide, counsel, encourage, and direct him in keeping the standards of the Church so that he will progress in spiritual things. Brethren, do not grow in the things of the spirit except on conditions of personal righteousness. It is the duty of quorum presidents to lead their fellow quorum members in the paths of obedience so that both the leaders and the followers may gain the fullness of salvation.

3. *Celestial Marriage.*—This holy ordinance puts couples on the path leading to the highest heaven of the celestial world. It is the gate to exaltation. Without it the family unit cannot continue in eternity. *Priesthood Reactivation is not complete until the inactive brother has received the Melchizedek Priesthood and been sealed to his family in the Temple.* And no persons are to receive Temple recommends until they meet the standards of personal worthiness entitling them to have the sealing powers of the Priesthood exercised in their behalf.

4. *Eternal Life.* The great, grand, ultimate, and supreme objective of Priesthood Reactivation is to lead an inactive brother to eternal life, which is exaltation in the Kingdom of God. Exaltation comes only as a result of magnifying one's calling in the Melchizedek Priesthood; it comes only to those who enter into an order of the Priesthood called the new and everlasting covenant of marriage. The Melchizedek Priesthood is essential to the gaining of eternal life. When Priesthood Reactivation works perfectly, then the full blessings of the Priesthood enter the life of the individual, and he becomes an heir to the fullness of the Father's Kingdom.

Procedures of Priesthood Reactivation

These are very simple and easy to apply. For some reason they do not seem to be understood as they should be. But if Priesthood officers will catch the vision of these successive steps and will follow them diligently, Priesthood Reactivation will work within the field of their assignment.

1. Make out the white cards entitled "Records of Priesthood Quorum Member," and fill in the data in the roll books for all senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood. These white cards must be used for all holders of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and they are available to those who desire them for use also for the senior members. Fact-finding and reporting committees of the Melchizedek Priesthood quorums are to collect the information for their quorums. Data in the roll books for the senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood should be compiled in the usual way under the direction of the ward bishop (branch president).

2. Make out the recapitulation sheets, copying onto them the pertinent data from the white cards. These are work sheets by the use of which the quorum officers and others can have conveniently before them the data which will give a general picture of the activity status of all quorum members. New recapitulation sheets should be made out every two months. Copies of all recapitulation sheets should be in the hands of the stake president (district president), quorum president, and group leaders concerned.

3. Go over the recapitulation sheets with the bishopric (branch presidency) so that a ward (branch) as-

signment can be given every unassigned brother who will take one. Roll books of the senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood should be reviewed by the bishopric with the same object in view.

4. Create as many quorum, group or individual projects as are necessary to provide assignments for those still unassigned. It should be understood that this means *many projects.* It might mean as many different projects as there are inactive brethren in the quorum. Remember that the project is being created, manufactured, devised, for the sole purpose of bringing an inactive brother into Church service. Preferably it should be of such a nature as to permit him to rub shoulders with one or more active brethren so that a feeling of friendship will result. These projects may be as diverse and varied in nature as the inclinations and aptitudes of the brethren for whom they are created. Manifestly their creation requires forethought and inspiration.

5. Institute the personal missionary approach for those who have declined Church activity and who are apparently spiritually dead; that is, those who will not accept an assignment from the bishop and who will not work on a quorum project. Under this approach, an active member is asked to work with an inactive brother on a confidential basis. Approaches are to be made on whatever basis is appropriate in the individual case.

6. Correlated with the foregoing steps, it is understood that quorum presidencies will be making their annual confidential visits; that week-night schools for inactive holders of the Melchizedek Priesthood will be held; that week-night schools for senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood will be held; that cottage meetings will be arranged for inactive brethren; that the work of the advisers with the senior members will continue; and that the whole programme of the Church will be carried forward. (These items will be considered in detail on these pages from time to time.)

Now let us take a simple illustration of these procedural steps as they apply to an elders' quorum. Suppose there are ninety-six members. The white cards are filled out for all of this group, the data then copied on the recapitulation sheets. Suppose that half of the quorum members have Church assignments within the meaning of this programme of Priesthood Reactivation. Then the quorum presidency sits down with the bishopric, and an effort is made to get Church assignments for the remaining forty-eight. A reasonable period of time elapses—perhaps a few weeks—in which opportunities for Church service are afforded the inactive brethren. Suppose Church assignments are found and accepted by a dozen of them, which leaves thirty-six without assignments. Then the quorum attempts to create as many projects as necessary in order to get these thirty-six brethren working. Perhaps half of them begin to do something. This leaves eighteen out of the ninety-six members as subjects of the personal missionary approach. These eighteen are then assigned to eighteen active brethren, and whatever approach is necessary is made.

This, then, is the programme. How is it working in your stake?

(*Improvement Era*, June, 1957.)

"A man lives by believing something, not by debating and arguing about many things."—Thomas Carlyle.

"A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet."
—Proverbs 29:5.

Sunday School

THE year is over half gone now, and more often than not, time passes by faster than our accomplishments are made. As we know, the end result of all the accomplishments we make during the year, both large and small, is to build, strengthen, and stimulate testimonies of the Gospel in every man, woman, and child enrolled in the Sunday School.

The complete accomplishment of this goal is an almost endless task. The more we learn the more we realize how much more we have before us to learn. An excellent example to illustrate the magnitude of the job we have before us is found in the words of Nephi:

"Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the Lord, and my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard. Nevertheless, not withstanding the great goodness of the Lord, in showing me His great and marvellous works, my heart exclaimeth: O wretched man that I am! Yea, my heart sorroweth because of my flesh; my soul grieveth because of mine iniquities. I am encompassed about because of the temptations and the sins which do so easily beset me. And when I desire to rejoice, my heart groaneth because of my sins; nevertheless, I know in whom I have trusted." (II Nephi 4:16-19.)

If Nephi exlaimed, "O wretched man that I am," and " . . . my heart groaneth because of my sins . . . ," after having such a tremendous insight and knowledge of the Gospel, where does that leave us? At best a very long way to go in carrying out the obligations we have to effectively learn and teach the way of salvation.

Nehpi was the product of extensive teaching, both by his father and by the Lord. It was this teaching combined with Nephi's humility that caused him to realize the greatness of God and his position before the Lord.

In considering the entire family, perhaps we could parallel these people to a progressive Sunday School. Lehi was the teacher, and like all good teachers he received what he taught from the Lord. The students varied in their ability and in their desire to learn. The fact that the students had fundamental differences to begin with Lehi had little or no control over. However, in the teaching of his students there was an obligation placed on him to do the job the best way that he could, so that the end result would be favourable if the students had any inkling to learn at all.

When Nephi made the previously quoted exclamation, the class was coming to a climax. The teacher was about to leave them and before he went he was desirous to give a few last minute instructions to his students. This was the pay-off. What had they been taking in all those years?

If we can make our Sunday Schools as opportune to our students as Lehi made his teachings to his sons, they will have every opportunity to come back into the presence of God if they will humble themselves and conduct their lives so that they can.

May our accomplishments in the latter part of the year be even greater than the first part. If we believe what Nephi said, we will realize that there is no limit to the progress we must make in carrying out the Sunday School objective.

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SACRAMENT GEM FOR MARCH

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

—John 11:25.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD FOR AUGUST

Respect for our Leaders.

Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls. (Hebrews 13:17.)

The Mission Primary Board extends to all Primary Officers and Teachers and Children their very best wishes for a Happy, Happy Birthday Party, and do sincerely thank you for all the fine work you are doing in this Mission. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you at your Sunday Services, and hope that they will be a Spiritual success.

LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 128: Reverence for the Sabbath.
2nd Week: Reverence for Places of Worship.
3rd Week: Planning for Primary Spring Programme.
4th Week: Practising Primary Spring Programme.

There is a great need for more Reverence on the Sabbath Day. Do try to discourage children from attending sports on this day. Be sure to let them know what we should do on the Sabbath Day and set them the example. Use your pictures from the Teachers' Kit and from the *Children's Friend* on Reverence for the second week as well. In planning your Spring Programme follow the outline as suggested on page 137. Do not forget to invite the parents, and then they will see what the children are doing in Primary. Work together with humble hearts and I'm sure your programme will be a success.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 147: Love for Mother.
2nd Week, Page 153: Truthfulness.
3rd Week, Page 158: Honesty.
4th Week, Page 163: It Is Unkind to Repeat Untruths.

Have these illustrative stories well prepared so they can be told without the book, and be sure and have your activities as given as these will help to put over your objective. Teachers, we must be living examples of these lessons or our words will have no effect. Truthfulness, honesty, and guarded words are so important to us if we want to be "honourable citizens" and respected by our friends.

Trailbuilders:

1st Week: Explore Our City.
2nd Week: Fun In The Making.
3rd Week: Fun In The Making.
4th Week: Fun In The Making.

On the first week, even if you live in the country, I am sure you will have some places of interst nearby for the boys to visit, perhaps a waterfall, lake or a historic landmark. Use the suggestions and helps in the Manual.

The next three weeks will be taken up in a craft work. There are two suggestions you can use; remember we can use quoits or some other game instead of horseshoe pitching. Use the slogan suggested, and encourage the boys to make something worth while that they can keep and use; otherwise the time is wasted and the materials, too. They will enjoy using their hands and energies to create something. Have your working classes orderly and use the suggested stories.

Seagulls/ Homebuilders:

1st Week: Our Temples.
2nd Week: Care of Clothes.
3rd Week: Family Hour.
4th Week: Sandwich Art.

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Genealogy

THE Research Director appeals to all members to help him assist other members by supplying any information from their Whakapapa records to further this great and sacred work for our Tupuna Maori. Contact Brother Howe, c/o Mission Office, or 1 Diomede Street, Bayswater.

Missing links wanted:

The ancestry of Matiu Ngatimo Hohepa of Ngatiwhatua.

The ancestry of Tapaea-huri-rangi of Taranaki.

The ancestry of Riria Takarangi of Thames.

The ancestry of Violet Te Ata Cooney Henare of Great Barrier.

The ancestry of Takirau, her father came from Dannevirke.

The ancestry of Hori Hiku of Hokianga.

The ancestry of Hepi Poti of Kaikohe.

The ancestry of Inia Hohepa Ngatai of North.

The ancestry of Kaumai of Waikato.

The ancestry of Riha Warepapa of South.

The ancestry of Rawiri Te Awe.

The ancestry of Karititoi of North.

NGAWAKA-DAVIES FAMILY ORGANIZATION

By G. GRANT

MIRAKA of Kawa of Great Barrier was a highly respected Maori woman, having been born there, the daughter of Kewene, a noted warrior of Waipiro Bay, and Takaau of the Ngatimaru tribe. Her grandparents were of the Ngatiwai tribes.

Miraka had 12 children, having been first married to Ngawaka and then to Kino Davies (also married to Kawhena). Miraka was noted for her great kindness and unbounded hospitality, one incident of note being at the time of the wreck of the "Wairarapa" when she took into her home 33 of the survivors and cared for them until they were able to leave. For the drowned she gave a piece of ground for the burial, and she worked along with the men in the rescue that followed, keeping food and beds ready at all times. In the early days the Pakeha moved to the island and pioneered and settled peacefully alongside of the Maori, each helping the other in many ways.

These pioneers were good living people. The Pakeha brought and followed the faith of their fathers . . . Protestants, Salvation Army, Methodist. The Maori, likewise, believed like their forbearers in the "Great Good Spirit." Injected in this belief was that of "Makutu" or Tohungaism, but these stalwarts were very spiritually minded, so that in the year 1889, when two Zion missionaries visited on this little island they were welcomed and always had an appreciative audience for their services. Strangely enough, it wasn't the *Book of Mormon* and other Scriptures or anything that the Elders said which was responsible for a mass baptism of 52 people, but rather a practical exercising of the Priesthood.

Two visiting Maori women were suffering the effects of "Tohungaism" and no one had the power to rebuke or control them. Everyone was afraid that this demonstration could mean death to one or both of them, so that when the Elders offered their help, it was welcomed, and in a quiet, unassuming way these two missionaries rebuked the evil spirits which possessed the bodies of the women, and immediately they were calmed, approachable, and sane. This "miracle" was all that was needed for the conversion of the 52 present to the "Mormon" belief at that time. For it wasn't many years

later when Ratana was at his height of glory that many of these people and their families followed that faith, and to this day there are the two divisions—Ratanas and Mormons.

Miraka and Kino remained true and steadfast to their new found faith until the day they died at the ages of 90-odd years. They were always a source of inspiration both to their family and members of the community in which they lived.

The enclosed picture shows a number of the family who gathered on the Barrier at Christmas, 1956, for the first family reunion since the organizing of the Genealogical Family Organization. There were 77 present at the time of this picture. The white-haired gentleman at the back left and the lady third row from left back are the only two remaining of the sons and daughters of Miraka and Kino. Both are nearing the 80 mark in life and are and have been known, like their parents, throughout their lives for their wonderful hospitality, be it in times of trouble or otherwise. They live in the old homestead.

First generation	2
Second generaiton	25
Third generation	94
Fourth generation	390
Fifth generation	188
Total	699

220 of these are baptized members of the Church with the following records:

Served on Mission Boards:

Primary	1
Relief Society	1
M.I.A.	1
Served or serving local missions	3
Served or serving on College Project	8
Old M.A.C. Boys	2

Been to Temple: Husband, Wife and 4 children.

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The special Temple Issue, November, 1955, of the *Improvement Era* could be used to advantage. Temple pictures are on the missionary Articles of Faith cards. Bring out the significance of the Temple in our own land.

Follow your instructions on care of the clothes and know a week in advance what you will need. Encourage the girls to conduct the "Mind Your Manners Home Evening." For many families it may be the start of Family Hour.

Sheets from your Scrap Book Pad will be required for these first three lessons. The Health Department pamphlet on "School Lunches" could be obtained (free) and used to enrich "Sandwich Art."

SECRETARIES . . .

Aim at 100% reporting for this quarter ending August. It will take the co-operation of all to achieve this goal. Your Reports must reach your District Officer by the 5th so as they can be compiled and sent to the Mission Officer on time. Our report must be to President Ballif by the 15th. Is your branch going to be on this report or off it? It is up to you. Don't let your Branch, District or Mission down.

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR Fellow Workers,

We are most grateful to those who are continuously working with all their might, mind and strength in teaching the Gospel each week to those who attend Mutual Meetings, participating in the various activities.

AGE GROUP EXECUTIVES, CLASS TEACHERS, AND ANYONE WHO MAY TEACH

What is Their Responsibility?

A Teacher's responsibility is to see that class lessons are presented in a way that will always be remembered by the students of each class.

How are Youth to save themselves from the pitfalls from which they may not soon be retrieved?

A FENCE OR AN AMBULANCE

By Joseph Malius

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant.
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be done,
But their projects did not at all tally.
Some said, "Put a fence round the edge of the cliff."
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."
But the cry for an ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighbouring city
A fence may be useful or not it is true
But each heart became brimful of pity
For those who slipped over the dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave pounds or pence not to put up a fence
But an ambulance down in the valley.
"For the cliff is alright if you're careful," they said,
And if folks even slip or are dropping
It isn't the slips that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping.
So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,
Quick forth would their rescuers sally,
To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff
With their ambulance down in the valley.

TEACHING HELPS

Imagination:

CLIFF: Parents. FENCE: Teaching the Gospel, Testimony, Example, etc. AMBULANCE: Material temptations of the world. DUKE, VICTIMS: *Youth, Youth, Youth.* DWELLERS, RESCUERS: Drinking, Smoking, Immorality, etc.

Creation; Visual Aids:

Blackboard. Chalk. Draw CLIFF with fence around it. Place AMBULANCE down in the VALLEY.

To strongly implant into the hearts of your class a Testimony to prevent the pitfalls of life.

HOW IS THIS ALL DONE?

Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old,
For the voice of the true wisdom is calling;
Better put a strong fence round the top of the cliff
Than an ambulance down in the valley.

There are at least a dozen more ways of teaching helps that we could find to make all of our teaching faith promoting, inspirational and exciting.

Our wise, eternal Father gave us about all the basic teaching helps we

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Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

"HAERE Mai Ki Te Hui Atawhai" has a much deeper meaning than a cold "Come to Relief Society." It embraces a warm welcome and an unbounding love.

Relief Society offers us many opportunities:

(1) Service to our fellow beings;

(2) Self-development, whereby we strengthen our own characters and those with whom we come in contact. By study and participation in Relief Society activities we develop within ourselves the true Spirit of Relief Society.

Because we take full advantage of all that Relief Society offers, we as wives and mothers are instinctively preparing ourselves and our families to go to the Temple, for we know that the blessings of the House of the Lord are restricted to no privileged class. Every member of the Church, *provided he lives worthily,* is entitled to admission and the right to participate in the ordinances.

We hope that the programme we have prepared for your second round of huis on this, the eve of the dedication of our Temple, will be an inspiration to you, an incentive to "put your lives in order," to be prepared for the blessings which are rightfully yours.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Opening Song.
Invocation.
Welcoming Remarks.
Chorus: "Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words to Each Other."
Tableau.
Two Speakers.
Song: "Lord We Dedicate This House to Thee."
Benediction.
Detailed information concerning Tableau and selection of Speakers will be sent to the District Presidents.

All Magazine Workers Please Note:

When forwarding subscriptions into the Mission Office in the form of *cheques or money-orders,* would you kindly make them out to the name of "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" to enable the Mission Secretary to handle them.

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need. Sometimes we take these eternal gifts for granted. Anyone called to lead or teach in the Church has most of the following:

1. An intelligence which is eternal.
2. A brain through which this intelligence expresses itself.
3. Eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands, feet, and a heart.
4. Another help is the gift of time: twenty-four hours every day, seven days a week, at least four weeks every month! Do we hear some snickers, gasps and several "Oh, yes!"?

IT HAS BEEN SAID

One who works with his hands is a labourer.

One who works with his hands and his mind is a craftsman.

One who works with his hands, mind, and heart is an artist.

Our Father in Heaven has equipped us to be artists in His service.

Our Teaching Helps are with us every day. They grow better with use.

Let no one ever say, "I have no Teaching Helps."

Featuring the Districts

WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By P. K. Mason

After being the sale officer for quite some time in the Opaki Sunday School, Sister Katarina Coffey was able to chose counsellors and teachers when their Hui Peka was held recently. The following officers now preside: Sister Kataraina Coffey, Supt.; Sister Huri Whatarau, st Counsellor; Brother April Cassidy, 2nd Counsellor; Brother James Coffey, Secretary; Sister Kataraina Brown, Teacher.

Warkworth, the southern most Sunday School in our district, also held a very nice Hui Peka on the 23rd of June, and it was good to meet these good Saints whom we see so little of.

The Elders' Quorum and Leadership meetings held in Whangarei on the 13th of July had record attendances. Maybe it was a special effort for President and Sister Ballif, who dropped in unexpectedly, but it was all very gratifying.

The Elders' Quorum is making a strong bid to help boost up the College assessment for the district. At present there are three projects under way. The first is a basket social which will be held in Whangarei on the 26th of July. The second is a firewood project where some of the Elders in the country are cutting up wood to sell to the members in and around Whangarei. The third is a hardware store, and Brother Hamon, the Quorum President, is able to purchase an extensive supply of hardware at wholesale prices which is retailed to the members at current rates. The quorum holds the profit.

Brother Ngapuki Pita has replaced Brother Duncan Wihongi as the quorum teacher. Another group of twenty members has just returned from a week's work at the College.

The Relief Society Sisters in the District have been particularly active of late visiting most of the Relief Societies in the district. Elder and Sister Wood made a brief visit here before returning to the States and they were able to assist with the genealogy work in the district as well as some of the branches they were able to visit.

Maromaku Branch:

On the 11th a farewell was held at M.I.A. for Mrs Forsyth who has now left the district. She and her daughter, Dorothy, have been active in Mutual thuogh they are not members of the Church. Dorothy will be attending M.I.A. at Hikurangi where she is working.

Because of circumstances, our M.I.A. "Travelogue of Nations" was not held until June 18th. Mrs. Waalkens, a much travelled Dutch woman who is visiting her son in our locality, was guest speaker. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening which went all too quickly. Just a note for the girls: The Dutchmen are meaner than our men. Only one ring—a plain gold one—worn on the left hand for engagement, then changed to the right hand upon marriage. No diamonds, but you do have two weddings—a civil and a religious ceremony.

Another highlight this month was our Branch Elders' Social to which all the family was invited, which meant the whole branch. The evening was a huge success with games, items and dancing. And the supper these men provided! Stuffed turkey and stuffed mutton together with roast kumara and roast pumpkin. Then to show they can cook dainties, pikelets and a lovely sponge. The Elders' Quorum President, Brother Roger Hamon, his wife, and some of the Anderson family, and Elders Paxman and Jordan all came out from Whangarei.

Culmination of the month's events was our Hui Peka, held on the 29th and 30th June. On Saturday night the Primary demonstrated their activities in a lovely programme. They were presented the *"Children's Friend"* Certificate for having 200% subscriptions. M.I.A. followed with a programme worked up from the lesson material on the home, then followed a short concert. Sunday morning beban with Priesthood and Relief Society. The Relief Society programme was "Mother, the Heart of the Home," and was very well presented. Sunday School Session followed with a well prepared programme reviewing last year's lessons. After kai was the General Session where we heard some very inspirational talks. The interesting feature of this session was the singing of the anthem "Hear, Oh Ye Heavens" by the C.M.C. Going Family Incorporated! Welcome visitors were Sisters Hay and Eager, and Glen Hay from Auckland, Elders Paxman and Jordan' and members from Whangarei, Waiomio, and Waitangi.

Before the General Session was over five of our brethren left for a week's work at the College with other members from our district. We hope the weather is kind to them. Brother Charlie Taka was recently ordained to the office of a Priest.

Greetings to those of our district at the College. Also a "get well soon" to Alex Wishart who is once again in hospital. Hope this is the last time for you, Alex.

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BAY OF ISLANDS DISTRICT

By Betty Matthews

On the 29th of June a wedding of interest was held in the Takahue Hall. The bride was Sister Aroha Yates, daughter of Brother and Sister Bowman Yates and the bridegroom was Elder Keith Erickson, son of Elder and Sister Grant Erickson of Robertson, Wyoming.

The bride wore a lovely cream brocade gown and carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her two sisters as bridesmaids, and three flower girls who were nieces of the bride. Acting as best man was a cousin, Harold Joyce, and the groomsman was Elder Roy Thomson. Elder Biesinger, accompanied by his wife, performed the wedding ceremony.

The programme was opened with prayer by Elder Gee after the congregation sang "When There's Love at Home." Music was also furnished by a quartette consisting of Sisters Fern and Clipper Watene, Kiri Rameka and Wiki Wepeihana who sang "The Temple by the River." Mr. B. Dwight and Elder Maxwell spoke on behalf of the bride and groom who responded with well chosen words. Brother Leo Yates was a capable master of ceremonies.

Other items were given by some of the Kaikohe members and towards the end of the evening the telegrams were read out to the guests who numbered over 500.

The couple are making their home in Kaikohe where Elder Keith Jackson is a labour missionary at the Church saw mill.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Doug Williams

North Shore:

A very enjoyable fireside chat was held at the home of Brother and Sister Butler, Calliope Road, Devonport, after evening service on the first Sunday in the month. Coloured slides were shown of aerial views of the College and Temple project. Elder Anderson and Elder Shy were the commentators and Elder Shy showed some photos from his own home town.

On the 2nd of June the Sunday evening service was taken by the Broederlow family, with Prayer as the theme, and visitors were mpressed with

the talks given, especially those by the young ones.

Saturday, 29th, saw 'this olde house' transformed into 'this olde barne' complete with straw, pumpkins, squash, and kerosene lamps hanging on the walls for the purpose of holding a square dance. All were novices at first but as the evening wore on many were becoming experts. Much fun, of course, was had in the process, and all were ready for the hearty supper which followed. During the month our M.I.A. was honoured by visits from the District M.I.A. officers, Sister Bratton, Sister Smith, and Brother Williams.

Nearly everyone attended Hui Pariha and received much inspiration from the lessons and instructions given to them.

Auckland No. 1 Branch:

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa.

Here's to our Dads, the best in the land;
As beaus they really are grand.
This special date I will never miss
Thank you, Daddy, may I have a kiss?

After such a complimentng toast from the Seagull girls to their Daddys, I know they have something else on their minds besides their daughters—and that's Primary. The Seagull girls sent out invites to their Daddys to attend a "Dinner Daddy Date." What a date! The girls haven't seen their Daddys dance a Virginia Reel since they were born. The previous Saturday these same girls learned how to be a good baby sitter; demonstrations on a real live baby were given, as well as practical work on their dolls.

Hey! where is everybody? Don't you know its Saturday night? There's just one place, one time, one idea. Yes, it's the usual get-together at our Recreation Hall to enjoy yourself at another regular dance. Last Saturday, the 29th, everyone came out to dance "Day O" style to the rhythm of every Jamaican tune on release. Thank you, Mia Maids, for the inspirational theme and a lovely time.

Sunday, the 30th, the M. Men and Gleaners held a fireside chat. They had a panel of speakers, Elder Briggs, Elder Hymas verses Sisters Maralyn and Bonnie Ballif. The subject was: "Should Women Work After They Are Married?" This was a very interesting evening.

Tamaki Branch:

Activities in Tamaki which were once highlights have now become so routine though still fairly strenuous that "hot news" is sometimes difficult to find. However, we have from the College at present the boys laying tiles in the new chapel the tentative opening date, 28th July, has now been postponed until Sunday, 1st September, 1957. Working parties from the Auckland branches have been of substantial assistance to our own group in landscaping the chapel grounds.

On July 22nd the Primary held a successful "Daddy Date" afternoon party at the Chapel.

A welcome addition to our branch has been the Jonah Wihongi family, formerly of Hikurangi Branch. They have now settled in Tamaki and have already been freely accepted by the branch members. We regret to note, though, that Sister Wihongi is now a patient in Ward 16, Green Lane Hospital. Anybody passing that way are invited to drop in on her.

On Saturday, 29th July, a party was held at the Tarawas' to farewell Elder Bailey who had once laboured in the district and was now returning home.

New appointments have been made in the M.I.A.: Brother Barney Wihongi is 2nd Counsellor in the Y.M.-M.I.A.; Sster Juanita Tarawa 1st Counsellor, Sister Raihi Wihongi 2nd Counsellor, and Sister Dolly Wihongi Bee Hive Teacher in the Y.W.M.I.A.

Here's a call to Hastings or to any friend of Sister Pauline Sullivan. We hear that she is feeling a bit lonely in Kangaroo land and thought it nice if all you good folk would drop her a line sometime. Her address is: 98 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove, Sydney.

Exemplary of the many groups from various districts making work trips to the College and Temple are these 12 men from Gisborne, Poverty Bay District. Due to their aid the work is rapidly progressing.

L.D.S. COLLEGE
"The Olcomi"
By M. Pearson

For a good many months conversation was centered on the need of an Old Missionary Society or Club for all missionaries who had completed a mission or had served three years.

The outcome of this was the forming of an executive group, headed by Brother and Sister Ray and Ethel Dana, along with Brothers Rupus Mihaere and Matt Tarawa.

After many hours of thought and discussion, it was decided to hold a banquet in the Matthew Cowley Building on the night of Friday, 21st June; an activity evening on Saturday, 22nd June; and a testimony meeting at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, 23rd June. This was warmly endorsed by those of the "Old Boys" present.

The banquet supper, supervised by Sisters Ethel Dana and Jessie Brown, was a most delicious repast fit for kings with at least a dozen different dishes on the serving. Each table set for six was lit by two candles. As the group assembled members were given a small, soft paper rosette with a royal blue ribbon to pin to their lapel or dress. Might I add that these small tokens mean a great deal to each member. In the centre of each is printed OLCOMI, which means: OL (Old) CO (College) MI (Missionaries).

As the evening progressed, musical numbers were rendered by several of the members with Matt Tarawa as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Those called on to speak were Brothers George R. Biesinger, Maurice Pearson, William (Bill) Child, Bill Curnow, and Joe McDonald.

Of the original missionaries who were first called to the College and have served uninterrupted missions, only four remain: Sam Beazley, five years and nine months; Birtie Purcell, five years and nine months; Emaraina and Maurice Pearson, five years and five months. We miss John Elkington, Sam Edwards and Boydie Campbell and Nannie Raiha. This evening's activites bore poignant testimony of the spirit of the work missionaries.

On Saturday a wonderful evening of entertainment was held. In the Kai Hall, decorated with scenes of the past, activities and fun for all was provided. Dance music was by the College Band, singing items, and a Ladies' Fashion Parade by the men, much to the hilarity of a packed hall. This floorshow was arranged by Sister Margie Ahmu, assisted by Sister Tuts Watene.

At 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning a testimony meeting was held at which many moving testimonies were given. All, without exception, pledged full support of an all-out effort to complete the project on time. Brother Joseph McDonald, Branch President, conducted and Brother Maurice Pearson of the District Presidency was also on the stand.

Because many were unable to bear testimony from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m., a further meeting was called immediately after Sacrament Meeting. This meeting, with Brother Joe McDonald conducting and Brother Ray Dana assisting, lasted from 8:00 p.m. Sunday night to 1:10 a.m. Monday morning.

Testimonies such as those borne are, perhaps, never heard in any other meetings except these. At the conclusion Elder Biesinger, in his testimony, paid a fine tribute to all missionaries, especially to the "OLCOMI" organization because he said he can rely on them to keep the job going in top gear all the time.

All through these "OLCOMI" meetings the spirit that Matthew Cowley infused into his missionaries was ever present.

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Maria Elkington

Hello, everyone. Highlighting the month of June was our one-day Hui Pariha held at the Huntly Town Hall. Though it was dull and overcast that day, a large crowd gathered.

The Relief Society were privileged to have Sister Ballif in their midst. The programme consisted of a delightful play given by members of the College Relief Society, plus a chorus rendered by the Mothers singing group of Huntly. Sister Wattie Martin of the Hamilton Branch gave a fine talk on her appreciation of Relief Society.

Instructional period, taken over by President and Sister Ballif, took the form of demonstrations on the various methods of teaching.

The final general session saw some fine talks and testimonies, especially those given by younger members—Margie Ahmu and Shirley Scofield. Music during the sessions was rendered by our beautiful Choir from the College and an Elders' Quartette.

Saturday, June the 29th, Elders and Senior Aaronic Priesthood Bearers and their wives met with President and Sister Balliff, and the District Presidency at the College. The meeting was highly stimulating and its purpose was to promote that of Temple marriage.

On June 2nd the following Aaronic Priesthood members were the first in the Mission to receive Individual Awards: Deacons, Phillip Collier, Brian Hunt, Raymond Thompson, Steven Dennis and James Rosenvall. Priests: Robert Ngawaka, William Ahmu, Rodney Clark, Stewart L. Loosli, Mita Watene.

Our District Primary has been awarded a certificate from Zion for having over 75% distribution of the *"Children's Friend"* throughout the District.

College Y.W.M.I.A. has been reorganized with Sister Mona Rarere as President, Noeline Forbes as Age Group Counsellor, Grace Harris as Activity Counsellor, Nihi Matilda Enoka as Secretary. Congratulations, all!

The College Gold and Green Ball will be held on August 29th, 1957. An invitation is extended to all.

We would like at this time to remember those of our Saints in the Waikato Hospital and wish them a speedy recovery. Sister Ani Neri and Brother Tarawhiti of the Puketapu Branch, Brothers Joseph Pineaha, Jona Wihongi of the College.

It seems as though the stork has been fairly busy lately. There has been a few additions at the College. To Brother and Sister W. Katene, a son. To Brother and Sister Madsen Elkington, a son. To Brother and Sister Emron Elkington, a son.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Our leadership meetings are proving to be a wonderful help in more ways than one. Mentally, socially and spiritually they are keeping the members who attend highly stimulated and buzzing. No chance of going to sleep here! And back in the branches the continual visits by the District Presidency and the Elders keep things well stirred. The district choir is truly under way and we are all thrilled to be working under the competent baton of Brother Luxford Walker.

Many visitors to this area include Elder Hay, who has been promoting

genealogy work in this district, Elder Hymas of the Mission Presidency, and Elder Pusey, the new Mission Sunday School Superintendent. We have enjoyed their presence and hope they will come again.

The Whakatane Neighbourhood Sunday School have a small but enthusiastic band of members with Brother Pamea McKay at the head. Visits by Brothers Laren and Sam TeHira, Bill Anderson of Opotiki and Don Fraser from the Tamaki Branch have been a great boost to their morale. Thanks are tendered Brother Fraser for his great enthusiasm and words of encouragement

In Rotorua young visitors have been to the fore. Sister Lena McLean and Mary Ann Waerea, both of whom are nursing students at the Cook Hospital, Gisborne, spent part of their holidays here. Both girls are to be congratulated for passing their Junior State Exams.

Our own Jimmy Waerea, Jnr., has been visiting his family and his return to the College of TeAute will leave a very wide gap in his admiring circle of our teenage Rock 'n' Rollers.

They say "murder will out" and so it is with our assessments for the year. Anticipation has caused greater speculation than the actual figures, so now we know where we stand and we are all behind our Branch Presidencies 100%. Yes, we all want to be worthy to sing in that choir at Hui Tau, Luxford.

Additions to the Relief Society District Presidency are Sister Lorna Wishart, 1st counsellor, and Sister Martha TeHira, 2nd counsellor. These sisters with President Rongo Paki will surely prove their worth in this great work.

Another death this month is that of Sister Kiripatea of Rotokawa, Rotorua. A few days previously her two children, Sharon and John, had been baptized by Elder Bailey and in the evening, Sister Kiripatea herself had brought them along to sacrament meeting so they would be confirmed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brother Kiripatea and his children in their sad loss. May you turn to the Lord and find comfort at all times.

The Rivers family who left Tokoroa for Auckland are greatly missed here, and we'd like them to know how much we appreciated the work they did here.

"Hello and goodbye!" That's about all Elder Hansen said to us before he was transferred to the College. Glad to have met you, Elder! As replacements we have Elders Allen and Reed. Welcome!

On the 11th of July a visit was paid to the home of Sister Tahere in Edgecumbe where a name and blessing were given to her infant daughter, Aubrey Tahere, by Brother Luxford Walker.

Till next month, cheerio!

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MAHIA DISTRICT

By Riripeti Ataria

All District and Branch Auxiliary leaders attended the District Leadership meeting conducted by District President Dave Smith on June 30th. All seemed keener in their assignments and were reluctant to disperse after taking overtime "French Leave."

In the genealogical programme Sisters Raiha Tengaio, Emma Brown and Rebecca Smith gave interesting talks, touching on Temple attendance and excerpts and pictures from the *Improvement Era* and the theme "The Family Unit." These three sisters have all been to the Temple in Laie.

The Nuhaka Branch have heretofore been privileged with the attendance of the Whakaki members made possible by a bus picking them up. It is now found desirable to have a Sunday School there, so Brother George Solomon and his wife, Sister Bella, have bee nset apart as superintendent and secretary respectfully.

The Nuhaka Branch was treated to a grand change on Sunday evening, July 7th. Sister Heeni Christy dusted

her thinking cap and led the branch in a Music Festival. The beginners in piano music of Primary age group, Sisters Jewel Christy, Bella Christy, and Lena Brown in turn played pieces. The Junior Choir sang, then the Deacons' (Aaronic) choir. The Elders' Quorum at last decided to display their musical talents and sang well in a chorus. The Singing Mothers sang "Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words to Each Other" and it was beautiful. Then one who thrilled her listeners and merited an encore was Granny Raiha Tengaio, aged 24 . . . I mean 75; sorry, I was absently-mindedly considering her pep. She played waltzes and as Brother Poneke Te Kauru pointedly remarked, "She has good timing." Sister Ataria spoke on composers of past decades and also explained how the organ of the Nuhaka Chapel was presented by Elder Black 50 years ago; he first taught the girls music, some of whom later became branch organists. Brother Ben Couch, District President of Wairarapa District and a visitor to the Ormond-Pilmer wedding, also spoke. The meeting ended with all feeling good about it.

Branch meetings have commenced in Kahungunu House as from July 7th, the chapel having done its dash. The funeral service of the late Sister Marjorie Thompson was the last meeting in the chapel. This dear Sister passed away at Tolaga July 4th and was brought home by Brother Kaehe Paerata and others, thus relieving her husband, Brother Ray Thompson, and family. Her uncle, Brother Walter Smith, and Sister Ida also came to pay their last respects as well as her relatives from Rotorua.

Harata Raureti, mother of Sister Rebecca Smith, died June 12th. She was buried at Whakaki where many people congregated to pay their last respects.

The Sweetheart Ball, sponsored by the M.I.A. on June 28th, was most successful. It was thronged with young people, and girls dressed in their pretties and boys in black trousers, white shirts and red sashes took part in the floorshow which was the evening's highlight. The decorations of hearts, cupids and other novelties added to the festive air. The older folks present were obviously enjoying everything, though within that atmosphere lived a reminder that things do happen 40 years late.

Many visitors were present at the wedding of Brother Pat Ormond and Sister Josephine Pilmer. Kahungunu was very nicely decorated. Branch President James Brown performed the ceremony; Sister Bessie Couch was pianist and Brother Ben Couch offered the invocation and Sister Mary Nye sang. The bridal party was composed of groomsman, C. Blake, Jnr., the bridegroom's brothers and the bride's three sisters and three flower girls. After photos were taken of the group the guests were treated to a lovely wedding breakfast, Sister Te Hi Rangi supervising the catering. The newly weds have received many beautiful presents. A dance at night was also held in their honour.

The Melchizedek Priesthood holders of Nuhaka Branch got together with Brother W. Christy leading and donated and planted seed potatoes with a view of early markets, and if all goes well it will help Temple and College Funds. It is reported that Wairoa and Kaiuku quotas are 100%.

Sister Emma Brown was set apart as organist for the Kuhaka Branch Sunday School and Choir.

Brother Turei Ataria baptized Junior Solomon Kahukura.

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KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Ruby Hooper

Otorohanga:

King Country had the biggest crowd ever at their Hui Pariha held on the 23rd of June. We had the privilege of Tumuaki and Sister Ballif in attendance.

The meeting and social on Saturday night for Priesthood holders and their wives was enjoyed by all.

The meetings on Sunday were all very well attended and enjoyed, especially the Surprise Meeting at noon, the surprise being a film strip of the Los Angeles Temple, and very beautiful it was.

I'm sure Elder McCulloch's big smile will be just as much appreciated at the College as it was in the King Country. To take his place we welcome Elder Behunin.

The Otorohanga Relief Society held a most successful social on June 29th, the sum of £12 being raised for the College.

Matakowhai:

Brother Paki gave his grandson a name, Peter Sydney, and a blessing on June 16th. Peter is the son of Mihi and Sydney Tuteao. Welcome visitors to our Sunday School on June 9th were Bill, Judy, and Brenda Fulton from Huntly. Another visitor recently was Charles Te Ngare Pohutuhutu from Hoe-I-Tainui.

Quite a few members of the branch attended the Hui Pariha and very inspiring the meetings were, too. The teacher's instructions by Sister Ballif and Tumuaki will be a wonderful help to us all.

Many thanks to Sister Harris from the Puriora Branch who helped us with our Hui Atawhai playette, "Haere Mai Kite, Hui Atawhai," as Mildred.

Brother Taka Panere and Mighty Mo Apiti visited Matakowhai and took away a load of Kai for the Temple-College Project. A delightful visit was had recently with a member of Elder Ririe's crew with all the latest news!

Ordained to the Priesthood was John Charles Paki by Tumuaki on June 23rd. He was also set apart as secretary of the Sunday School on the 2nd June by Brother Apiti.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

At our May Leadership meeting in Manaia we planned a farewell evening for Elder and Sister O. Pearce who were to leave us at the end of June, but this was not to be! On the 5th June, Elder and Sister Pearce received word that their son Dick had been seriously injured in an accident and they were advised to return home immediately. Members throughout the district gathered together on the evening of the 6th June to say farewell and express their love and appreciation to this fine couple who have taught us so much during their mission here. The chapel was filled to overflowing and how thankful we all were when a cable was received to say that "Dick was improving and out of danger." The prayers of all the members had certainly been answered and songs of thanks were sung by all present. We are so grateful for all the instruction that Elder and Sister Pearce gave us; we have learned much from them and I know they will be pleased with the way their teachings are being put into practice. Our leadership meeting held in Wanganui on the 29th was proof of this. These leadership meetings are improving every month and are well worth attending. Our July meeting will be held in New Plymouth as will be our Hui Pariha on August 25th. The District Presidency invites everyone to attend this Hui and advise that accommodation is available. From the New Plymouth scattered Branch comes news of the organization of Relief Society, the Sisters taking great interest in all meetings. The officers are as follows: President, Sister Moana Sharland; 1st Counsellor, Sister Ceila Adams; 2nd Counsellor, Sister Isobel Koea, and Sister Dorothy Tuihama the secretary.

On June 22nd members from Sunday School travelled to Porirua for the baptism of Brother Henley Sharland and they would like to thank Sister Wineera for her wonderful hospitality.

pitality. This baptism brings the membership to four married couples and our congratulations go to you all.

Manaia members held a welcome home for Sister Mana Manu who has been on a mission for the last 12 months. Sisters Maralyn and Bonnie Ballif were made very welcome when they visited Manaia enroute for Wellington. Sister Winnifred Manuirirangi has been appointed Assistant Secretary in the Manaia Primary and, on 30th June, members of the Aaronic Priesthood received certificates for Deacons and Priests. The members were Hori Manuirirangi, Morton Manuirirangi as Deacons, and Brother Warwick Manuirirangi as Priest.

According to Elder Kaufman, everything is going along fine in Utiku. The M.I.A. have now divided into two groups with Elder Robinette teaching the Bee Hive and Gleaner Class. The open night was taken up with a film evening provided by one of the investigators. I think the Elders enjoyed the snow at Waiouru recently but all news in Utiku has been eclipsed with the arrival of an 8lb. 4oz. baby boy to Brother and Sister William Anderson. This has been a "long awaited event" in the Anderson family and we all offer our sincere congratulations to this wonderful couple. I hear the baby will be named after three elders who have laboured in Wanganui and Utiku. We miss Brother and Sister Anderson in the Wanganui Branch and assure them of a very warm welcome when they return home. We gained another new member in the branch when Brother and Sister John Poihipi's baby daughter arrived in April. Our congratulations to you also and we hope the baby is doing well now. The Relief Society in Wanganui are having very good meetings with many Sisters attending regularly and taking part in the reading course. Our congratulations to Sister Maude Warbrick who has already completed her year's reading of *The Book of Mormon.*

I'm sure all parents wish to thank the Branch Presidency for making transport available for children to attend Sunday School. This has boosted up attendance at those meetings and we are grateful that our children are now able to attend.

Our love and best wishes go to Elder and Sister Pearce. We are pleased to hear your son is improving.

Blessings.—Terence Gray Te Maari and Andrew Charles Tauroa by Elder O. K. Spencer.

Baptism.—Henley Sharland by Elder Chad M. Campbell and confirmed by Elder D. B. Green.

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MANAWATU BRANCH

By Delia Steele

Once more it is time to write a report of the happenings in the Manawatu District and we send you all greetings from this part of the New Zealand Mission.

On the 12th and 15th of June the Feilding Home Sunday School gained several new members, Sister Christina Barrett, her three daughters, Cynthia, Judith and Janice, also Sister Amy Monariki, mother of Warren Waka, who has done good work in the Palmerston North Branch. I am sure these Sisters will be a great help in the growth of Feilding Home Sunday School and we welcome them into our midst.

On the 14th July there was a lovely 21st birthday party held for Brother Roger Pearse of Tamaki Branch. Brother Doug Strothers was the M.C. and everything went along with a swing. Roger received some lovely presents, and the supper was really delicious, and we all wish Roger well.

We are still in Tamaki from whence comes the news of the engagement of Sister Hinepare Marsh and Ringa Kaha Paewai. This was announced on the 16th June and was followed by an engagement party on the 19th which was held in the Tamaki Assembly Hall. The news was sure a surprise, but a very nice one!

Tamaki Branch seems to be having a gay time of late. On the 27th June they held a Branch Social, and this was a very successful affair to which friends were invited.

Well, I had better put Palmerston North in the news: On the 30th June a correlation meeting was held at the Palmerston North Branch. This was very successful, if the length of the meeting is anything to go by. The various auxiliaries received great help and advice. Whilst on the subject of auxiliaries I would like to report that M.I.A. and Primary has once more been inaugurated in the Palmerston Branch. M.I.A. held its first meeting on Monday, the 8th July, under the leadership of Brother Peter McKenzie as President, Sister Delia Steele as 1st Counsellor and Teacher, and Brother Jimmy Dunlop as Secretary. The Primary will hold its first meeting on Monday, the 15th July, under the directorship of Sister Beulah Whibley as President and as yet Sister Whibley has not chosen her Counsellors. Sister Rosemary Clarke has been set apart as a Teacher in the Primary. We do ask the people in the Branch to support these two very worthy auxiliaries and see that they do not have to be disbanded as they were in the past. Only by the support of the members can they progress and grow.

The Relief Society in Palmerston North is now fully organized and the Presidency is as follows:—Sister Florence Dykes, President; Sister Betty Irving, 1st Counsellor; Sister Mabel Clarke, 2nd Counsellor; Sister Tsaclis, Secretary/Treasurer.

We wish for these Sisters the Lord's blessings in their work.

A little district news: Sister Delia Steele has been sustained and set apart as the 2nd Counsellor in the Relief Society District Presidency, which positon she is doing her best to fulfil. In the absence of a District President, Brother Ric Steele and Brother Doug Strother have been asked to carry on, and these two Brothers are doing great work in the District, and helping and giving advice wherever they are needed.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

Greetings! Here we are again reporting the activities of this District for the past month.

To report the passing on from this life of someone is always sad and so it is with mixed feelings we report the death of the husband of a recent convert, Sister Barton of Porirua, who left this life on June 11th after several years of illness. Though not a member, on the 13th June a service was conducted by District President John Elkington where tribute was paid to Mr. Barton by Elders Gardner and Sheffield. Adding to the beautiful spirit of the service were the voices of Sisters Polly Tarawhiti, Vera and Myra Wineera, as they expressed their thoughts through song.

Saturday, 15th June, Brother Ben Wineera passed to the great beyond after many, many years confined to bed. Brother Ben had a great knowledge and understanding of this Gospel and had always devoted his time to the service of the Lord; when he was able to, he served in many offices in the Church including the District and Branch Presidency. He was kind and thoughtful and always had a wonderful sense of humour. Both he and his wife taught the principles they knew and loved to their family and today their teaching bear fruits as many of their children are actively engaged in the Lord's work. His service, which was held at the Porirua Chapel by President Kerehoma Katene, was attended by his family and many friends. Speakers, who paid tribute and respect to the life he gave and lived, were President John Elkington and President Ballif who journeyed down to attend.

The district joins with Sister Barton and also with Sister Paeroa Wi-

neera and her family in their sorrow and also join with them in the knowledge of the joys that they will share as a united unit in the life of Eternal Progression.

Painters from the College under Elder Dennis arrived in the district to give a "new look" to the Porirua Chapel, and so with dabs and splashes of paint her and there, a mixture of white, blue, pink and green ended into the final colour scheme of things . . . the result is a wonderful new building. THANKS BOYS. A banquet in their honour was held on the eve of their departure at the home of Sister Charlotte Solomon of Porirua, where a King's meal and a wonderful evening was held for all who attended.

Latest recruit to the College from the district is our young drummer, Matthew Love, who journeyed up with the painter crew. How's it, Matt?

From Porirua we hear that the "Homebuilder Group" of the Primary held their "Daddy Date" on the 27th June at the Recreation Hall. It was a great thrill to these young girls to be able to date their "Dads" and to enjoy a wonderful sociable evening with them, and what a thrill it was to the fathers to show of their young ladies.

A Branch Ball was successfully held by the M.I.A. on July 6th where young and old were caught up in the spirit of gaiety and enjoyment plus the happy mood of Brother Tony McCarthy who has proven himself as a number one Master of Ceremonies, and so a wonderful evening was experienced.

Hutt and Wellington Branches are busy getting themselves ready for the coming Hui Pariha, which will be held shortly; double news will be given from them in the next report.

Blessings.—Aneta Henrici, daughter of Brother Alec and Sister Aneta Wineera of Porirua, on July 7th by Brother Angus Elkington.

Hoani Uru, son of Brother Rangi and Sister Daphne Katene of Porirua, on July 7th by Brother Akapikirangi Arthur.

WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. N. McDonald, Jnr.

Hello, how's the weather in your branches? It's very cold here, but we are having fine days after hard frosts. We had a very good correlation meeting last month at Nelson Chapel on Sunday, 30th June. Officers and teachers from each branch attended and made this the most successful to date. Next correlation meeting will also be held on the last Sunday in the month. Elder Roskelley gave a demonstration lesson which it is hoped will be continued each correlation meeting. Opportunity was taken also to welcome Elder Hunsaker who replaced Elder Tonks who has returned to Zion.

Sister Kerr gave a lesson for the Relief Society as did Sister Selwyn for the Genealogists.

Brother Roma H. Elkington was set apart by Elder Roskelley as District M.I.A. Superintendent, and Brother Ratapu Hippolite was set apart by Brother Steve Hemi as District Secretary.

Grovetown Branch:

A large crowd of 82 persons attended the function to farewell Elder Tonks at the Wairau Pa School. The meeting was conducted by Brother J. N. McDonald, Sr., and consisted of a 16-item concert by the M.I.A. after which many beautiful gifts were presented to Elder Tonks by members from Grovetown and Picton Branches. A splendid hot dog supper rounded off a memorable evening. I think Elder Hunsaker will not forget his arrival at Grovetown; he was just in time to catch Elder Tonks' farewell evening. He was transported to this function in Henry Ford's original Model A which had to be pushed to get started and the windows fall down when the door is shut.

M.I.A. attendance is still around the 20 mark, but received a good boost with the 82 which was held on M.I.A. night. Brother J. D. McDonald, who recently returned from England from

playing Rugby League, is now an active teacher of the Scout group.

A beautiful baby girl was born to Nui and Walter Kupa.

Nelson Branch:

A gathering of about 40 people attended a function to farewell Elder Tonks and a presentation from members and friends was made by Mr. Limbert, an investigator who was a good friend of Elder Tonks.

During the month Brother Benjamin Hippolite, Jnr., attended the Hui Pariha at Dunedin representing the 9th Elders' Quorum.

Madsen Branch:

The Primary held a "Daddy Day Dinner," the first 3D day ever held in this district. From the Dads we hear it was very successful and recommended it as lots of fun. Congratulations to those responsible for its success.

Bad luck befell a taxi cab that tried to stop the Madsen boys' car from reaching the Correlation Meeting at Nelson. The cab was pushed off the road and sustained a bent fender; the Madsen boys are sure the Lord was with them on the way to the meeting; no damage was sustained.

Picton Branch:

Sunday School is still being held alternately at Picton and Waikawa at Brother Matenga's house.

A group attended the farewell to Elder Tonks at Wairau Pa.

STATISTICS

Births.—To Walter and Nui Kupa, a daughter, Carol.

Blessings.—Raewyn McDonald by Elder Jesse W. Tonks.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin Branch:

Dunedin turns a smiling face to you all this month. Activity and spiritual enjoyment have been with us all and we hope the following months will be just as productive.

A District Conference held the first week-end of the month gave us a wonderful start. We were pleased to welcome to it members from Nelson, Christchurch, Invercargill and Timaru, and, of course, our very special thanks to President and Sister Ballif. We gained much from their presence, and their lack of leisure and rest while they were with us was their loss but our blessing.

Our conference programme commenced with a banquet at 7 p.m. with a concert following. From this we raised £15 towards the College Fund. A most enjoyable evening.

Sunday with its two general sessions together with the Officers' and Teachers' meeting, Priesthood, Relief Society and special meeting for Elders and their wives and Senior Priesthood holders was indeed a spiritual feast.

The Relief Society ladies have been busy again. Jumble Sale held this month added another £22 to the College Fund. We are indeed grateful to them for their hard work.

Another successful baking competition was held by the M.I.A. This time Brother Wyn Smith carried off first prize for his plain toffee in the male section with Sister Joan Taylor first in the women's section with chocolate fudge. Congratulations, cooks!

Our Primary department has just commenced, but we have had one graduation class and congratulate Julienne and John Duncan, Keith and Duncan Robertson and Janice Stone on their promotion from "Kiwis" to "Co-Pilots."

There are always a lot of goodbyes cropping up these days and a very hasty goodbye to Elder Clive Pusey was a very inadequate thank you to him for all the time and work he gave to us and for the love we shared with him. May the blessings of the Lord be with you always, Elder Pusey.

To Elder Rasmussen we extend a warm welcome and hope your short sojourn with us will be fruitful and happy.

Our congratulations to Sister Ellen Cosgrove for passing her Junior State Nursing Examination.

Statistics.—To Brother George and Marlene Allan, a daughter.

Invercargill: Hi! to all you birds north of Invercargill. Some of us penguins down here have finally decided to put on our raincoats and galoshes and come out of hibernation for a short spell since the winter appears to have the signs of being long and unpleasant. Seriously though, "activities" have been very pleasant.

We have a very active and effective little Sunday School operating in Invercargill each Sunday. This is due to the fact that the few members we have down here have marvellous testimonies of the Gospel and are really putting forth the effort to live up to these tesimonies. We are really proud of them.

On Sunday evenings we hold "fireside chats" in one of the member's homes. During the month of June we have been listening to tape recordings of Elder Hugh B. Brown's talks.

On the week-end of June 2nd several of our members travelled to Dunedin to attend the district conference. The conference was well worth any effort put forth in attending.

On the evening of June 23 the Sunday School presented a full Sunday evening programme, except for the sacrament services. Several short talks were given by the members. The theme of the programme was "Home — A Parental Partnership."

The Elders in Invercargill have been holding a Sunday meeting with several of the boys in the Borstal.

Our District President, Elder H. Del Var Petersen, and his companion, Elder Robert Ray Evans, visited our Sunday School area on June 27th-29th. They visited the members in the outlying areas of Invercargill as well as those in our regular Sunday School area.

We'll climb back into hibernation and say cheerio for now and until next time.

Christchurch Branch:

While you all up North are recovering from the shock of Canterbury beating the All Black touring team, we will try and tell you good folk something of our branch. But honestly, folk, it was glorious to watch Rugby at its best. M.I.A. had a group at the match and I understand that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sister Dot Snelling was the cheer leader.

Brother Gordon Hutton is busy on a firewood project. We congratulate you, Brother Gordon, on your effort. By the way, it's no secret, but Gordon is just a tick off 70.

We had a visit from Brother Delbert V. Groberg and his son, Elder John H. Groberg, from Zion, and we enjoyed their short stay with us. They were doing genealogy work among their relations here. John McCullough also spent a few weeks with us.

M.I.A. is still flourishing with Firesides, etc., under the direction of Elder Carr. Highlight of the month was Pioneer Nght. Over 50 attended and what a wonderful evening it turned out to be. Vernice Wineera, Dot Snelling, Baden Pere and Elder Evans conducted. Vernice Wineera read a composed story telling of the Saints and their trek across America and this was intergrated with songs led by Sisters Peggy and Mahara. Around the walls of our hall were drawings of all the branch members in their respective characteristics and some amusing sketches kept everybody laughing. Various amusing games were indulged in together with a competition dressing up in newspaper.

Avis and Tufa Fau and family are now out at Harewood Transit Camp which means that they will soon be settled in for good. Tufa is our Music Director and Avis is District Primary President.

Guess that's about all the news for now. Folks, please accept our best wishes from the Garden City.

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Are there birthdays coming up soon among your family and friends? Do you need a gift? We have three small books that would make good birthday presents.

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TO SISTER ARTA BALLIF:

We of the New Zealand Mission join with your family in wishing that August 27th be an especially Happy Birthday for you. It is with joy that we remember you on this day because in your role as Mission Mother you have portrayed as a blessing to each of us the qualities of honour, virtue, charity, and humility. You have taught us an appreciation of literature, for in your gracious manner you show us how the printed page can be turned from inertia to life itself. You have stimulated within us a great desire to grow—a desire for improvement so strong that it helps to break the fetters of fear and shyness. You are teaching us how to use the help of the Lord that all things may be accomplished. You are showing us how to go beyond ourselves in serving and through your own living example of faith and strength of testimony we, too, are made stronger. Hence, we pray that on this day your heart may be filled with joy because of the blessings of the Lord afforded you and we pray you may feel the love we bear you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SISTER BALLIF!

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

The Purpose of the Temple

By PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

WE are grateful for the inspiration from the Lord to His servants to erect new temples, the first one in Europe, near Bern, Switzerland, dedicated last September; the Los Angeles Temple, which will be dedicated soon, and others planned in England and New Zealand. Here in these buildings faithful members may receive all the blessings associated with eternal covenants and ceremonies given in the house of the Lord.

We are grateful for the privilege we have of raising temples in these lands where freedom is cherished, where the individual is free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. We ask for a continuation of blessings upon these nations. They are God-fearing people. The love of the Lord and of truth is in their hearts.

A temple is not a public house of worship. It is erected for special purposes. Indeed, only members of the Church can enter a temple who receive a recommend from their bishops and presidents of the stakes or branch and mission presidents.

One of the distinguishing features of the Church of Jesus Christ, restored in our day and dispensation in its fullness, is the eternal nature of its ordinances and ceremonies. In the temple some of these most sacred ordinances and ceremonies are performed. For example, generally in civil as well as in Church ceremonies, couples are married "for time" or "until death doth us part." But love is as eternal as the spirit; and if the spirit exists, as it does after death, so will love. Each of you husbands will recognize your wife in the other world, and you will love her there as you love her here, and will come forth to a newness everlasting in the resurrection. Why should death separate you, when love will continue after death?

Those who are married in the temple are married for time and all eternity and sealed by the authority of the Holy Priesthood so that the family will continue into the eternities.

Paul referred to the practice of baptism for and in behalf of the dead in his argument in favour of the resurrection. He said, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? . . . (I Cor. 15:29.) The pseudo-Christian world has stumbled over the meaning of this simple text, and not a few commentators have tried to explain away its true applicability to all mankind of the Saviour's teachings.

All Christians believe or should believe in the words of the Saviour that: " . . . Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot

enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5.) Note what that says: " . . . Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Also, "He that believeth in the Lord Jesus Christ shall not perish, but have eternal life." (See Ibid., 3:15.)

What about your great, great ancestors who never have heard of the name of Jesus Christ? What about the millions who died without having heard His name? They are our Father's children as much as you and I. Is it the act of a loving Father to condemn them forever outside of the kingdom of God when they have no opportunity to hear the name of Jesus Christ? "We believe that . . . all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." And we also believe that those who have died without having heard it here in mortality will have an opportunity to hear it in the other world. We are told that in the New Testament. Where did Christ's Spirit go while His body lay in the tomb? The Apostle Peter tells us that He went to preach to the spirits who were in prison, who were once disobedient in the days of Noah when the ark was being prepared. (See I Peter 3:19-20.) Those who died thousands of years ago were still existing, and the Gospel was taken to them as it will be taken to all of our Father's children. That is another purpose of the temple. You may have the opportunity of gathering the names of your ancestors, and, by being baptized by proxy, they may become members of the kingdom of God in the other world as we are members here.

We pray that the love of the Gospel and the universal brotherhood of man may increase among nations, that true peace may soon be established on earth, and that God's will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

The purpose of the temple is to bless those members who willingly give of their time and their talents to become "saviours on Mt. Zion." (*Improvement Era,* November, 1955.)

This month our Prophet and President, David O. McKay, celebrates his 84th birthday. All the membership of the Church in The New Zealand Mission join in sending our Arohanui and uniting our faith and prayer for his continued health, happiness and inspired leadership.

As the Prophet of the Living God, he continually admonishes the people of the Church and of the world to turn to the Lord. He pleads for us to follow the commandments of God as found in the holy scriptures.

It is his calling to receive the mind and will of God concerning the present. Our greatest blessing and security lies in the certainty of our knowledge that he is a true Prophet.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? . . . Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. . . Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"—James 2:14, 17, 19, 20.

NOTICE:

Anyone having the line of authority of Moroni Charles Wood, former New Zealand Mission President, please forward a copy of such to the Mission Office.

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

THE daisies are blooming in the grass and it is time to think about Spring. Do you remember a few days back when the rain came pouring out of the sky, and

Down though the wintry air
In crowds came pelting
Droplets wet beyond compare,
Did you ever think that
Back of those clouds somewhere
Surely there must be Spring?

Sure enough there was, for here it is. It is Spring!

Virginia Joy said:

Silently across the dark
And through the whispering rain,
With a yellow crocus for her lamp,
Spring came.

I like that, don't you? Spring came with a lamp to dispel the darkness. And what's more, the lamp was a yellow flower.

What does Spring mean to you? To me, it is an invitation to grow, intellectually and spiritually. If sunshine can start the green things growing and the coloured buds bursting with glorious petals, can't it awaken in each of us a desire to push up and out of the dark? If Spring can send a yellow crocus lamp to guide us, can't we follow her path of progress? I think so. This is the time to forget the winter, to begin anew, to join with Nature and put forth our glorious colours.

The lilies-of-the-valley and one purple iris are this moment nodding in the wind, beckoning me to venture forth, welcoming, calling, "Haere mai, it's Spring, let's get going."

Solomon, the wise king, described the Springtime as the time Christ called to His Church (Solomon's Song, Ch. 2:10-13):

. . . Rise up . . . and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Spring invites us all to "Arise and begin growing. The sun is shining." Springs means progress and growth and is therefore, the greatest concept of Mormonism.

Isn't it wonderful to think about Spring in the Springtime? Isn't it wonderful to be alive and able to accept the invitation of Spring?

EDITORIAL . . .

A JEWISH RABBI writes that as a child he was taught to thank God for one hundred blessings a day. He sometimes found it difficult but stressed the point that his adult life had been far richer because he had continued this habit through the years.

"The measure of your joy is *not what you have,* but the *depth of your gratitude* for what you have." His joy did not come from the pronouncement of one hundred blessings already received. The eventual realization of the Giver of each of these blessings and his gratitude to Him was the full measure of his joy.

One of our Latter-day Saint hymns begins, "Count Your Many Blessings, See What God Hath Done." Our every breath is a blessing from God. The sleep which restores us; the food provided from His abundant storehouse—all Nature's beauties are given from the hand of Our Father.

How blessed we Latter-day Saints are to receive the fullness of the Gospel through the latter-day prophets. How precious this Gospel is as it enriches our lives and our testimonies grow through compliance to its principles. Our "thank you" should not be prompted by a sense of more blessings and favours to come but by a deep feeling of dependence on and love of God.

We are preserved from day to day by Him; unto us He has granted our lives. Genuine gratitude will exemplify our love of God, for it will stimulate our obedience to His commandments.

"It's not WHAT you have, but your DEPTH OF GRATITUDE for those things that is the true measure of your joy."

Responsibility—The Measure of Man

By ELDER MAX R. HYMAS

THROUGHOUT the annals of history it has been the nature of many men of the human race to escape as much responsibility as possible and then, in a half-pie fashion, do that which they cannot avoid doing. Is this in accordance with the will of the Lord? Is it in agreement with the Eternal Plan for man's progression as decreed from the Heavens before the world began?

It is a well-known fact, both to those conversant with scripture and students of logic, that it was never intended for man to escape responsibility. To do so would rob man of the greatest opportunities of life, the major point being that accepting responsibility allows him to forget himself while in the service of others.

In explaining the purpose of man's existence upon the earth, the Lord told Abraham, "We will prove them herewith to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." The Lord has appointed leaders upon the earth to call the people into service and responsibility "to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." When that call of service comes to us it should be our utmost desire to serve with all our heart, might, mind and soul and use every faculty that we possess to do honour to that responsibility we have been given.

Consider the attitude of the people in the days of Jacob, the son of Lehi, when they said: "We did magnify our office unto the Lord, taking upon us the responsibility, answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence, wherefore by labouring with our might, their blood might not come upon our garments, otherwise their blood would come upon our garments, and we would not be found spotless at the last day."

Men of worth in the world today are truly those that realize their purpose in coming to the earth is to give the maximum amount of time and effort to fulfilling the greatest amount of responsibility under which one can effectively operate. The Lord makes it clear to us that there are blessings awaiting those who can comply with the laws upon which the blessings are predicated, and that He is bound when we do what He says. Why then, should we be content with anything less than can be obtained by our diligent and conscientious efforts?

Aside from scriptures, man's logic will tell him why responsibility is such a necessary part of a purposeful life. Just as a steam engine without a load is liable to "jump the tracks" on a curve, so also will the man without responsibility "kick over the traces" at the slightest provocation. Unless a man can sense his place and purpose in life, to him it becomes dull and meaningless, hence, he is constantly trying to find satisfaction in imitations and counterfeits.

If we as members of the Church of Jesus Christ would realize that the greatest eternal joy comes from the graceful acceptance and *conscientious fulfilling* of our callings, half of the battle of life would be won.

To be able to receive the blessings the Lord has in store for Zion and its people, one must live in accordance with the laws that have been given to Zion. The way then is clear and the reason for our participation in the various organizations of the Church is apparent.

The value of man in the world today, as always, is determined by his *willingness* to accept and *carry out* responsibility. Hence, **Responsibility —the measure of a man!**

Greetings from the Ottleys

TO *Te Karere* and all the Elders and Saints of the Mission, Greetings and Aroha from the "Tops of the Mountains."

The receipt of "T.K." each month is like a sweet refresher and I read it from cover to cover. The July issue has just been devoured and we feel much closer with having reviewed names and places, which have a habit of escaping our minds.

The "Here and There in the Mission" is especially interesting as it renders a broadside of the whole mission and we would encourage all reporters to reach out for the news for I am sure all in this country who have been in the mission receive them with the same enthusiasm that I do. It is inspiring to note the rise of the boys and men in the Priesthood as also the girls from their organizations to positions of leadership. We glory in your advancement and pray, always, for your happiness and well-being in righteous.

Of special interest, too, is the activity of the Elders' Quorums. My, how thankful I am for this privilege that has come to you and that you seem to be magnifying so well. As I read the names of those who received the Melchizedek Priesthood under my hands as also those who were called to man the presidencies of the quorums, I rejoice in noting their steadfastness to that great responsibility. I don't know whether a brother who has fallen from activity in his Priesthood realizes what a crushing blow he places on the head of the person in authority who so carefully interviewed him and accepted his promises and conferred the Holy Priesthood upon him. Likewise the unspeakable joy to that person when he hears of that Elder living true to those promises and magnifying his calling before the Lord. May the Lord bless you, Brethren, and more fully fit you for the great responsibilities that lie ahead. In the thought that many of you wish to trace the geneology of your Priesthood, I am sending for publication the lineage of my Priesthood. I have given it to many whom I have ordained and others may take it from the "T.K."

It is hot in "Hiona." We have had a beautiful summer and are blessed with lovely crops of fruits of all kinds. I wish we could send you a box of choice apricots from the mountains. We are canning, freezing and drying many of them and appreciative of these blessings as for the blessing of friends and family and the Gospel which makes us one.

We had the pleasure of a gathering of a number of our missionaries and their wives and families at our home a week ago. Be sure that many of you were reviewed in our conversation and our prayer. Brother Fred Wright of Christchurch and Alan Gray of Auckland accompanied me on a work project on the stake farm last evening and we all enjoyed it. These two live in the same ward as I. Alan is looking forward to marriage during August and the Wright family speak of returning to N.Z. next year. Of course, many others are speaking along that line, what with the dedication coming up. I am sure you will be besieged with former New Zealanders.

Doctor Paewai, Sister Una Thompson, Harold Stokes were with us at our party and others sent word that they could not make it. Brother and Sister Bates were with us and we saw some of his recent pictures which interested us. All New Zealanders are reported well and happy and those I have seen look like it.

We send our Aroha and pray sincerely for your well being.

(Signed) *Sidney J. Ottley.*

I, Sidney J. Ottley, was ordained a High Priest and Bishop by Joseph

Fielding Smith of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, 8th September, 1912. Elder Smith was ordained by his father, Joseph F. Smith, also an Apostle, who was ordained by Brigham Young, who was ordained by the Prophet Joseph Smith and the Three Witnesses, who received their commission from Peter, James and John in the summer of 1829.

AND HATH NOT CHARITY

By L. LaMAR ADAMS

"THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy . . . all knowledge . . . all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." (I Cor. 13.)

Paul's saying, " . . . but when I became a man, I put away childish things," reminds me that the older in Christ's gospel we get, the higher and more spiritual goals we have a tendency to set.

It has been said that one never completely matures. We all have little habits that have remained with us from childhood, or perhaps we have acquired a habit or some childish weakness. Lacking in maturity, because of weaknesses, we cannot see others in a true light. But with the pure love of Jesus Christ we can more fully understand others. I am reminded of the incident of the adultress brought before Jesus. The mob, tempting Christ in order to find fault with the Lord Himself, accused the woman. To this childish action Christ exemplified Charity. Knowing the heart of the woman He placed a cloak of forgiving love over her. Then with that same love He has for all people, He replied to the accusers, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." This brought the sins of each individual to their remembrance and being conscience stricken, the crowd, one by one, slipped away that their guilt would not take so sharp a sting. Christ must have had compassion upon them for He stooped down and fastened His eyes on the ground, writing in the earth before Him. Jesus, showing again His love with forgiveness, spake to the only one remaining, "Woman, where are those thine accusers?" . . . "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." To the persecutors the Saviour did not "rub it in," nor did He even so much as speak another word after recalling their sins to them. He let it pass, in outward appearance, unnoticed. "For a greater love hath no man."

Joseph Smith said, "You overlook my sins and I shall put a cloak of charity over yours." With the love Ether (12:34) spoke of, Christ dealt with all people. The heart of such a righteous judge is filled with that charity, for without it "I am nothing." And in order to "be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven," we must have charity in our hearts. One with a heart of charity speaks no harsh or angry words. He seeks not to justify himself but to justify others. He would act as Jesus Himself acted, for as it is said, "Whoever thinks along enough in terms of Christ, acts long enough in terms of Christ, lives long enough in terms of Christ, will, in the end, become like Christ." Without charity one cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I would to God that we each do everything with the pure love that Jesus Christ gave us. I pray we will keep our eye single with the vision of the Father before us, that we may have CHARITY in heart and mind to help us to live for others.

To the Law and Testimony

By GEORGE R. HALL

The last of three instalments (continued from Instalment Two)

OUR LORD AND THE SABBATH:

NOW we wish to assert that the Sabbath law according to the Jews is not a moral law, but a ceremonial one, and in support of our contention we will quote what our Lord and Saviour had to say regarding the Sabbath.

We read in Matthew 12:1 that the Lord was walking with His disciples on the Sabbath Day through some ripe cornfields. The disciples, being hungry, "began to pluck the ears of corn and eat." This was in accord with what we find in Deuteronomy 23:25. "When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn." Hence what was done by the Saviour's disciples was quite lawful. Carlyle Haynes, in his book, "The Christian Sabbath," says that what Jesus intended to do here was to sweep aside the Rabbinical traditions which had accumulated regarding the Sabbath. But he went further and attacked their misconceptions as to the nature of the Sabbath Law. For instance, did He say, "My disciples are not desecrating the Sabbath but only your additions to the Sabbath?" Not at all. His defence is entirely different. He gives in their justification David's action with his followers who, when they were hungered, entered the House of God and ate the shewbread which was quite unlawful for any but the priests to eat. Why did our Lord quote the apparent sin of David in justification of His disciples? The only answer is that the need of David and his followers in the service of almighty God was superior to one of the strictest ceremonial laws of the temple. Suppose David had stolen to satisfy his, and his followers, hunger. Would the Lord have justified His disciples on such a ground? No, a thousand times no! No need can ever justify the infraction of the moral law; therefore the Sabbath law in the mind of Christ must have been a ceremonial law.

Our Lord then proceeds to refer His critics to the law: "How that the priests constantly profane the Sabbath every day, and are guiltless." It was a proverb that there was no Sabbath rest in the temple, indeed, instead of less work there was more; for the daily sacrifices were doubled. And so we have the ceremonial law overriding the law of the Sabbath. But let us observe that no ceremonial law at the temple could justify any of the priests stealing, coveting, or committing adultery. Yet the law of the temple did profane the Sabbath, and this with Christ's approval.

We agree with many who say that our Lord's argument is almost like a theorem in Euclid. "If the law of need can over-ride the law of the temple, and that law of the temple can override the ceremonial law of the Sabbath, how much more can the law of need over-ride the law of the Sabbath? Thus our Lord proves His disciples guiltless. Could anything be more damaging to obsolete theory of the seventh day perpetuation than this?

The Apostle Paul on the Sabbath:

In the epistle to the Colossians 2:14-17, we read, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled prin-

cipalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday. or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Here we have a complete refutation of seventh day theory. But the theorists will have none of these arguments. They claim that this has reference to the seven yearly rest days or Sabbath of Leviticus 23.

Learned students in theology have promulgated their test of this theory of the seven yearly rest days. The Greek word here for Sabbath is 'Sabbaton,' which is the genitive plural of the word 'Sabbatta.' And it is exactly the same word that is used by the Hebrew translators of the Septuagint to render Sabbath in the fourth commandment of the Decalogue."

So the Sabbath day, according to the Apostle Paul, is only a shadow. Therefore, it is not eternal as maintained by seventh-day theorists. So the seventh day is abolished. This law does not hold good for Gentile Christians. It was meant for the children of Israel, for them alone and none other people outside their gates.

But What Day Should the Christian Observe?

I could not answer this question better than by referring to Dr. Carson's dissertation on the Lord's day. Dr. Carson states that in a careful study of the New Testament he discovered that whilst nine out of the original commandments are enjoined on New Testament Christians, one is left out. The Old Testament Sabbath is omitted from the new dispensation; this is a fact that cannot be disputed. "If," says Dr. Carson, "God has omitted the seventh day Sabbath for New Testament institutions, I submit to His decisions."

A question of great importance now presents itself. Is the creation Sabbath an institution of perpetual obligation or was it designed to terminate with the death and resurrection of Christ? The view that the Sabbath was actually nailed to the cross is strengthened by the fact that no where in the New Testament is the Sabbath law enjoined upon the Apostolic Church. That verse I have quoted in Colossians should decide this point. In the Gospel narrative, we read that "Mary Magdalene and her companions rested on the Sabbath day on which Jesus lay in the grave." As Dr. Carson puts it, "It was the last Sabbath of the kind the world ever saw." The next morning ushered in the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection, the Lord's day. The old dispensation terminated without doubt when Christ rose from the grave. The Saviour's apostles preached not the old dispensation but the new.

Paul preached to the Jews on the seventh day, but we no where read that he preached to the Christians on the seventh day. It was on the first day of the week that he met to break bread and preach unto them. To the Latter-day Saints, and it should be to all Christians, the Lord's day is the Day of Days. In the first chapter of Revelations, we read that John was in the spirit on the Lord's day when he received the revelation which he communicated to the world. When John speaks of being in the spirit on the Lord's day, he must have meant a day which peculiarly belonged to the Lord; a special day which is in contradistinction to all the rest of the days of the week. When he mentioned the Lord's day he wrote to a people who would understand just what he meant by the expression. The word for "Lord's Day" in the Greek is Kuriake Hemera. It is the same word that is used in describing the Lord's supper in I Corinthians 11:20. Neither in the scriptures or in the writings of the fathers is the Lord's supper ever associated with the Jewish Sabbath.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. This text has absolute rele-

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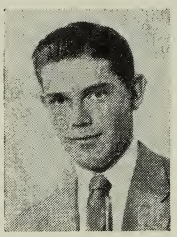
Here and There in the Mission

EIGHT MISSIONARIES DEPART:

ELDER H. DEL VAR PETERSEN arrived in the mission field in January, 1955. His first assignment was in King Country where he served

Elder Petersen

as District Secretary of King Country and Taranaki. Elder Petersen also proselyted three months in Nelson and was then called to serve as District President and Supervising Elder of



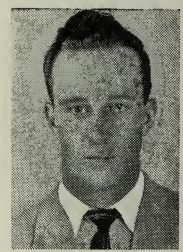
Elder Ferrin

Otago District for the remainder of his mission.

He attended Ricks College for two years prior to his mission, and plans to continue his studies at the University of Utah.

Elder Petersen expressed his aroha and great appreciation for the association with the people here. His accomplishments and contributions will long be remembered by the Saints and missionaries with whom he worked.

Also arriving in Januray, 1955, was ELDER GLAYDON W. FERRIN. After working at the College for three weeks, he laboured in Tauranga for seven weeks and then Christchurch where he spent 16 months. He served as District Secretary in King Country and completed his labours in the Auckland District.



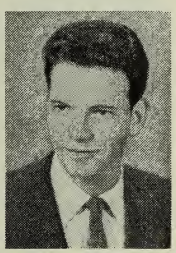
Elder Rasmussen

Elder Ferrin was well known for his friendly spirit and expressed his feelings thus: "I have loved every minute of my mission and can't express in words my feelings for these people. It's not who you are but what you are that really counts." Elder Ferrin was dairy farming prior to his mission call, and his plans for the future are indefinite.

Returning to Alberta, Canada, was ELDER LeROY RASMUSSEN. He arrived in New Zealand in March of 1955, and after working at the College for six weeks, was assigned to Auckland District, proselyting there for seven and a half months. He also laboured in Hastings 13 months; Rotorua three months; was District Secretary in Otago for six weeks, and

Supervising Elder in Dunedin for two and a half months. Elder Rasmussen expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to teach the Gospel and the associations made here. He asked that this message be relayed to the Saints: "Kia Kaha ki te Rongo Pai."

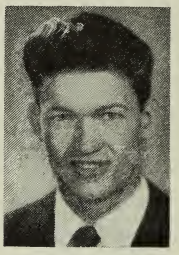
Also spending his first six weeks at the College in Hamilton was ELDER MAX R. HYMAS, who at the time of his release was 1st counsellor in the Mission Presidency. Prior to his mission he attended the Utah State University and is returning to finish his studies there.



Elder Hymas

After labouring in Napier of the Hawkes Bay District for seven months, Elder Hymas spent six weeks in Auckland and 12 months in Bay of Islands, ten of them as Supervising Elder. At Christmas time at the College he was set apart by Hugh B. Brown as 1st Counsellor in the Mission Presidency. In his travels through the Mission, he has been of valuable assistance to the officers of branches and districts. His message to those with whom he has worked is: "Kia Kaha i roto i te Mahi ote Rongo pai o Ihu Karaiti, e hoa ma. Remember, 'He who does God's work receives God's pay.' May God bless you all."

Returning to his home in Menan, Idaho, is ELDER ALVIN V. GUNDERSON. After a five weeks' working mission at the College, Elder Gunderson began his proselyting labours in Wellington where he remained one year. He also laboured in Christchurch nine months; Pukekohe 4 months; Matamata 3 months and spent the last month in Morrinsville.



Elder Gunderson

He plans to return to the Brigham Young University where he previously attended school for two years.

Elder Gunderson found that a mission gives the finest grounding in life one can receive, and his determination to serve the Lord pleasingly has been to the advantage of all those with whom he has come in contact.

Sister Van Orden

LADY MISSIONARIES:

SISTER NAOLA VAN ORDEN arrived in New Zealand August, 1955. Prior to her mission call she received her Master's Degree in Chemistry at the Utah State University and was teaching there.

Sister Van Orden first proselyted in Whangarei for two months. She

then laboured on North Shore for eight months; Grey Lynn eight months; and spent the last eight months of her mission proselyting in Hamilton.

She was reluctant to leave "these green shores" and expressed her mission as being "corker," appreciating the kindness of the people and the places she had worked. She expressed this thought to all of the Saints: "You are disciples of Jesus Christ and 'By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'" (John 13:35.)

Going "Round the World" were SISTERS KITTY SUE BARBER and JOY MARIE BIRDWELL.

Sister Barber spent a month in California Mission, arriving here in August, 1955. She comes from Baytown, Texas, and will arrive home in time for Thanksgiving after two months on the Continent.

Sister Barber

Sister Barber began her proselyting work on North Shore where she laboured for six weeks, also teaching the investigators' class and the M.I.A. She also proselyted in Whangarei for six months and the past 18 months she has spent in the Mission Office.

Sister Barber said: "Going home doesn't make leaving any easier, but within my heart remains gratitude for the privilege of coming, serving, and knowing; therein burns hope for the future, the opportunity of renewing again old friendships within the Kingdom of God."

The *Te Karere* is a different type of proselyting, but nonetheless one of interest and challenge with a group of appreciative readers. Her time spent as receptionist and *Te Karere* Editor has been a great service throughout the Mission, and "service is the rent we pay for our room here on earth."

Sister Birdwell

Also travelling home via the Continent is Sister Joy Marie Birdwell of Seaside, California. She arrived here August, 1955, after a month's proselyting in Long Beach, California. Sister Birdwell began her labours in New Zealand in the Whangarei District where she worked for 16 months. She laboured the last seven months of her mission in Palmerston North, also teaching a Sunday School class there.

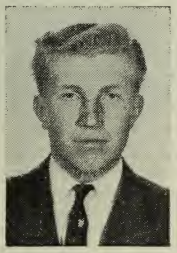
A convert to the Church, Sister Birdwell has found great joy in teaching others the message that enabled her to gain a testimony of Jesus Christ. She found great joy in associating with the people of New Zealand and said: "I will always remember them and try to live the things they have taught me."

"Be thou an example. Live the Gospel and you will continue to accomplish much good. Be obedient to the commandments. Be active in the Church and give service to the best of your ability. For therein will you find happiness here and eternal life hereafter."

MISSIONARIES ARRIVE:

A group of four missionaries arrived in Auckland from the States via the "Mariposa" on July 17th.

From Salt Lake City comes SISTER BARBARA BROADWATER. Though a beautician, she has been working in the Church Offices for the last six months in the membership department. She has been a teacher in the Junior Sunday School, Primary, M.I.A., and on the Gleaner Council. She also served as a stake missionary for 14 months. Sister Broadwater is grateful to be called here, especially after listening to Elder Sid Scott, formerly of New Zealand.

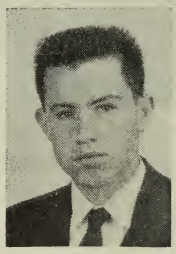


Elder Wilkinson

Travelling to New Zealand with Sister Broadwater was SISTER MARILYN McALLISTER of Salt Lake City. Sister McAllister, a graduate of the University of Utah, has been teaching art, speech and typing for the past year. She is an organist and chorister, talents which have been much used in the Church auxiliaries. A mission has been a life desire and she is grateful for the opportunity of working here. Sister McAllister is now proselyting in the Auckland District with Sister Velyn Cook.

Assigned to work in the Auckland District with Elder Jerold Johnson is ELDER MAX WILKINSON of Morgan, Utah. After attending the Brigham Young University for a quarter, Elder Wilkinson has been working in farming and construction with his father. He has also been active in Scouting and was secretary in his Priesthood Quorum. He is pleased to receive a mission call here.

Also on the "Mariposa" was ELDER FRANK THOMAS REILLEY, JR., of Salt Lake City, Utah. For the past two years Elder Reilley has been doing cyramic tile work. In Church activity he has been a Priest Advisor, Explorer Leader, Dance Director, and participated in M.I.A. athletics. Elder Matthew Cowley once told him that he would serve a mission in New Zealand. He is grateful for the arrival of that day.

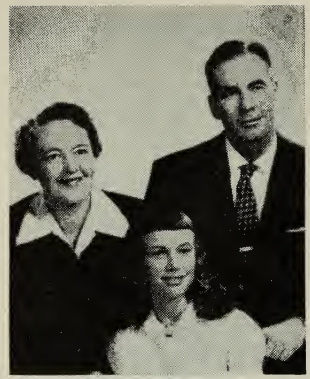


Elder Reilley, Jr.

LOCAL MISSIONARY CALLED:

SISTER REBECCA RIPEKA-TEWHAREPAROA POHATU of Muriwai was set apart as a missionary to the New Zealand Mission by President Ariel S. Ballif on July 18, 1957. Previously Sister Pohatu had been nursing.

Her Church background as well as her family training will be of value to the work she is now called to do. She has been first and second counsellors in the Branch Primary, first counsellor and secretary in the Relief Society, and held positions in the M.I.A. Her sister, Mama Pohatu, served a mission here several years ago. Her first assignment is to proselyte with Sister LuDean Thurston in Hamilton.



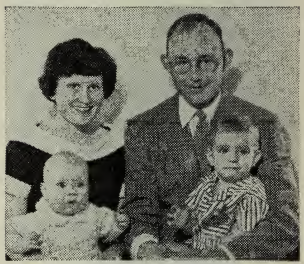
Sister and Elder Andrew

COLLEGE MISSIONARIES ARRIVE:

Arriving July 25, 1957, were ELDER HAYDN and SISTER BLYTHE ANDREW and their daughter, MARY JANE. They have been called to serve in the South Pacific Islands and spent four and a half months in Tahiti where Elder Andrew supervised the painting and re-roofing of the chapel in Tahiti. They also spent five weeks in Tonga enroute to New Zealand and will do the same type of work at the New Zealand College. Prior to their mission call, they were very active in the Modesto II Ward in California. Elder Andrew served as bishop and filled positions in the Mutual Presidency, Elders' Quorum Presidency, building committee and the regional Welfare Counsel. Sister Andrew taught in the auxiliaries and has been a Primary President and Relief Society Counsellor. They are assigned to the College-Temple project in Frankton.

Arriving August 10 aboard the "Monterey" were ELDER WILLARD GRANT and SISTER ZAN CHRISTENSEN CLEGG and their two children, PETER MELVIN and PAULA DAWN. Prior to their mission call, they resided in Grace, Idaho, where Elder Clegg taught auto-mechanics in the high school there.

Elder Clegg has fulfilled a mission to the Western States and his ward activities included Elders' Quorum



Sister Clegg Elder Clegg

President; M.I.A. Superintendent, and member of the Stake Board. Sister Clegg was Relief Society chorister, organist, M.I.A. Activity Counsellor, and served on the Primary Stake Board. They were very happy to receive this call and are assigned to labour at the Kaikohe saw mill.

MISSION TRANSFERS:

ELDER MAX WILKINSON from Auckland District to Bay of Plenty District with Elder Dell K. Allen.

ELDER PAUL ZANE BUCKLEY from Bay of Plenty District to Auckland District with Elder Jerold M. Johnson.

ELDER RAY W. LEWIS from Wellington District to Waikato District with Elder Chad Campbell.

SISTER NINA J. EMMETT from the Mission Office to Manawatu District with Kura Palmer.

ELDER FRANK T. REILLEY from Auckland District to Otago District with A. DeLoy Vernon.

ELDER KARL G. TOPHAM from Wellington District to Supervising Elder of Manawatu District with Paul D. Woolstenhulme.

ELDER HAROLD F. WOLFGRAMM from Manawatu District to Mission Office.

Priesthood Page

QUORUMS OF ELDERS

First—Elders' Quorums:

Elders' Quorums are organized in the mission field on the basis of the distribution of the elders over the various districts. They are supervised directly by the Mission President who is chairman of the Mission Melchizedek Priesthood Committee assisted by his two counsellors and the Mission Melchizedek Priesthood secretary. All quorums of the Melchizedek Priesthood in the Mission shall be under the direct supervision of the quorum presidencies who in turn will be directly responsible to the Mission President and his counsellors. Branch presidents or district presidents do not have direct supervision over these quorums but work in co-operation and unitedly with the quorum presidents and the mission presidency in handling the quorum problems of the local areas.

In the New Zealand Mission an Elders' Quorum may be made up of elders from several districts. For example, one quorum has a number of elders in each of four districts. Each quorum in the mission is numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.

Second—Size of Elders' Quorums:

According to a revelation on Priesthood and Church government, an elders' quorum is to consist of ninety-six members (Doctrine & Covenants 107:89), and a quorum should not be organized with fewer members than forty-nine, which number constitutes a quorum majority. If there are cases where elders quorums contain fewer than an operating majority, it is advised to unite those quorums with others; and then they could be operated as elders' groups until they become numerically strong enough rightfully to become quorums.

Third—Purposes of Elders' Quorums:

Elders' quorums are organized for the specific purpose of helping every elder to attain a condition of well-being in body, mind, and spirit—which includes the economic, spiritual, and moral welfare of each elder and his family.

The principle purposes of elders' quorums are: to help the Church accomplish its divine mission of perfecting the Saints; of providing salvation for the dead; and of preaching the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people throughout the entire world.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

"IN the name of Jesus Christ I ordain you to be a priest (or if he be a teacher), I ordain you to be a teacher, to preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ, by the endurance of faith on His name, Amen." (Moroni 3:3.) With such words and by the power of the Holy Ghost were the servants of God ordained when the Church of Jesus Christ was in existence among the Nephite and Lamanite people. These words were among the last that were uttered by Moroni in an attempt to put into the hands of a falling nation something of God-given value.

In the latter time these words of exhortation were given by way of commandment: "The teacher's duty is to watch over the Church always and

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"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD FOR SEPT.

Respect for our Parents.

Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. (Colossians 3:20.)

LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 141: Courtesy.
2nd Week: Cheerfulness.
3rd Week: Good Food.
4th Week: The Rain.

Courteous children are always happy and cheerful and are respected by their elders. Please make them understand that if they want to live in a happy atmosphere, they must be cheerful and courteous. Make enough upsidedown faces similar to the one in the teacher's kit, and teach them the song on page 146. They will really enjoy dramatizing this song with their paper faces.

With a little effort, dear teachers, charts could be made when discussing "The Word of Wisdom" (see page 155). Use cutout pictures of food, etc.

For the fourth week, explain to the children that without rain everything will die, and that we should appreciate it because it is a gift from our Heavenly Father.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 166: Healthy Bodies.
2nd Week, Page 172: Hea.thy Foods.
3rd Week, Page 175: Honour to Father.
4th Week, Page 181: Our Flag.

For Lesson One refer to your Teacher's Kit to the June Lesson and follow instructions on making the Plane. Remind that our bodies are precious gifts from our Heavenly Father, and if we keep them healthy and strong by the right foods and by living the Word of Wisdom we can accomplish great things. Charts could be made with the six doctors to put your objective over.

Our third lesson is very important as children must be taught to honour their fathers. The fourth lesson will need a lot of thought and preparation, remembering we are in New Zealand and not America, but at the same time our children need to know of the Pilgrim Fathers and the need of a country where there was freedom of worship so as the Church could be organized. It is also good for them to know by whom the National Songs were written, etc., so do not say this lesson does not apply to us, for we members of the Church should know these things. Time could be spent on our own Flag, and have one, making sure the children know the New Zealand Flag.

Trailbuilder Lessons for October;

1st Week, Page 126: Planning a Party for Mother.
2nd Week: Party for Mother.
3rd Week: Sportsmanship.
4th Week: Sports are Fun.

This month we will hold the part for Mother which we left out a few months ago. This is a challenge to your resourcefulness and if carried out will make for more love and co-operation between you, the boys, and their parents. Have the boys help you prepare the programme as suggested, and even if you only have a small class, their Mothers will enjoy the party; encourage them to come and feel they are part of Primary work.

The last two weeks are on sports and again you will find a combination of learning and fun for your Trailbuilders.

Homebuilders/Seagulls:

NOTE.—For earning the jewels along the path of Spirituality the following substitution should be made for the fourth suggestion—that of memorizing the Sacrament Prayers: "Give three ways in which a girl can show Reverence in the House of the Lord." Lesson 36-39 or 40-43 should be studied this month. Take into consideration the weather for adversability of the outdoor lessons (37 and 38), and the date of our Hui Pariha, so that some time can be spent in handwork for your display there. Use "as a guide your instructions" and make your lessons and activities interesting. There are scrap book pages for lessons 36-38. The Homebuilder Holiday should be held this month. It is a Mothers' and Daughters' Party held during the morning, afternoon or evening.

Reports of your Daddy Date were a thrill. Let's make your Homebuilder Holiday as successful. Pages 221-249 will be a guide in selecting and planning your programme.

NOTE.—Jewels can be purchased at Courts. Auckland.

History:

Primary was organized in New Zealand on September 3rd, 1927, at the Tohoraiti Hui Tau Conference at Dannevirke. Sister Arta Ballif was set apart by President Howard Jenkins as Mission Primary President, with Bernice Manwaring and Teiti Kamau McIlroy as Counsellors. Boards Members: Harriet Shortland, Raiha Kawana, Karle Ngakuru, Annie Randall, Mihi Hapi, Sophie Watene Tukukino, Minnie Duncan Snee, A. O. Elkington, Hui Tau Elkington.

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be with and strengthen them and see that there is no iniquity in the Church, neither hardness with each other, neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking. To see that the Church meet together often, and also see that all the members do their duty." (D & C. 20:53-55.)

As we know, the preaching of the Gospel of repentance to the people of the world is one of the most prominent responsibilities of the members of the Church. More specifically the Lord has declared that the "Gospel of Repentance" should be declared among His own house, showing us that membership alone in God's Kingdom is not the saving factor, but rather the humble and repenting nature of the individual and his willingness to follow the teachings of the Restored Gospel. In order to stand justified before the Lord it is our duty to see that each member of the Church is taught the saving principles of the Gospel in simplicity, and to do so with great love and an interest in their progress. No matter how old a person is or how extensive his study of the Gospel may have been, unless he has sought in prayer and humility and at the same time remained active in the faith, he cannot really *know* the Gospel. Remember, that each of us who are active in the Church has gained that added spark that makes us so. If carried forward in the proper spirit that spark can kindle a flame within others.

One of the finest ways that we can "watch over and see that there is no backbiting or evil speaking" and that all members "do their duty in the Church" is to teach the prevention rather than trying to effect a cure. With all the love and desire to serve that our hearts can possess, each holder of the Aaronic Priesthood should endeavour to help all members of the Church to come back to and adhere closely to the teachings of the Gospel.

Genealogy

THE second round of Hui Parihas will be commencing shortly and we plead with you to attend the 8 a.m. Sunday meeting, where *all* will be welcome, and we trust a very enlightening programme will be given. It will last only one hour, so we make another plea to you to be on time for time is valuable. To quote President Ballif, "Take advantage of every moment in every situation. Eliminate excuses."

We have much pleasure in publishing the "Family Organizations" organized since May, bringing the total up to 22.

One of the purposes of the organization is for the choosing of a "Family Representative" and once that person, male or female is chosen, that name should appear on *every* sheet that is sent in through your Organization and the relationship to both the husband and the wife must be clearly stated.

Once your organization is formed we do ask you to send all completed sheets, after they have been thoroughly checked, through the Organization, being sure to keep a duplicate copy for future reference.

Some of the points in checking are as follows: See that the names are spelled correctly; be definite in defining the sex; if baptized then put in the baptism date. Many are failing to do this. Give all the data possible. We want correct sheets and feel the Organizations, if functioning properly, will be of great assistance in this direction.

Let us have our families in order before the Dedication.

FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS

The 16th family organization, known as the Hikawera Organization, was organized May, 1957, at Korongata. The officers are: President, Hana Cotter; Vice President, Eric Tahau; Historian, Jane Tahau; Secretary, Hine Tahau; Family Rep., Jimmie Puriri; Genealogist and General Advisor, Hemi Puriri, Snr.

The Otene Family Organization is the 17th family organization and was organized on 5th May, 1957. Officers include: President, Huriama Otene; Secretary, Rakeiti Tiwini; Family Rep., Mahuika Otene; members, Ngakete Otene, Tame Otene and Pikake Williams.

With their motto, "United We Stand," the Watene Tekoau Organization became the 18th Family Organization. They were organized at Kirikiri on 18th May, 1957, and the officers include: President, Mita Watene; Vice Pres., Hohi Tukukino; Vice Pres., Rakapa Claire Hurikino; Secretary, Charlene Tukukino; Treasurer, Pres. and Sec., Historian, Rakapa Claire Hurikino; Family Rep., Fern Watene; Genealogist, Ramona Watene.

The 19th Family Organization known as the Hohepa Paewai Organization was organized at Tamaki, Manawatu District, on the 28th May, 1957. Officers are: President, William Harris; Vice Pres., Ronald Kingi; Secretary, Taylor S. Manaere; Treasurer, Taylor S. Mihaere; Historian, Mavis Mitchell; Assistant Historian, Charlotte McLaughlan.

The combined families of Hapeta, Eruera, Joyce, TeWheaua and Anderson were organized in Utakura in June, 1957, and is the 20th Family Organization. Officers are: President, George Anderson; Vice Pres., Waata Eruera; Secretary, Hari Saul; Asst. Secretary, Roimata Bryers; Recorder, Kato Hapeta; Asst. Recorder, Tiahuia Joyce; Reporter, Ngaro Tahere; Genealogist, Historian, Representative, George Anderson for Te Wheaus and Anderson; Representative for

Hapeta, Kato Hapeta; Representative for Eruera, Waata Eruera; Representative for Joyce, James Joyce.

At a meeting held in Porirua, the 21st Family Organization to be known as the Ihake Rei and Huiaina Toms Organization was organized. A fine spirit prevailed and the following officers were elected: President, Pateriki Rei; Vice Pres., Ruru Rene; Vice Pres., Wauwau Rei; Secretary and Recorder, Pohe I. Rei; Asst. Secretary and Treasurer, Te Paea Horomona and Ariana Rene; Famil Rep., Pateriki Te Rei.

A very inspiring meeting was held at Bridge Pa, Hastings, on July 28th, and the Kamau Family became the 22nd Family Organization. Members chosen for office were: President, Leo Pere; Vice Pres., Mina Pere; Secretary, Hineawe Gladys Ferris; Asst. Sec., Jewel Crawford; Historian, Winipere Edwards; Representative, Hirini Rawiri Kamau; Genealogist, Hirini Rawiri Kamau; Social Committee Chairman, Horomona Edwards assisted by Monica Henderson with Hineawe Gladys Ferris as Secretary. Temple Committee: President, Hamiora Kamau; Sisters Ani Kamau and Minia Pere.

Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

LAST year, in most of the districts, we were happy with the representation at the Relief Society instructional meetings on the Saturday. However, there were one or two districts who could have made better attempts to be there and were not. This year we are looking for much improvement in those areas.

We feel that everyone is now familiar with times and procedures of meetings at the Hui Parihas. We also feel that each one concerned with these meetings is equally aware of her responsibility to be present at the set times, that other duties will be arranged so as not to interfere with her Relief Society meetings.

Between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday there will be a Leadership meeting broken up into the following times:

12:00 p.m. - 12:55 p.m. District president, counsellors and secretary with Mission Board.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. All Relief Society officers and teachers with Mission Board.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Relief Society general session.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. All Relief Society officers and teachers with Mission Board.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

At this time, the officers of the Relief Society Mission Board would like to pay tribute to the wonderful and inspiring leadership of Sister Ballif. With her minute to minute life as Mission Mother, never has she been too busy or too tired to meet with us and give of her boundless knowledge and loving, understanding spirit.

So many things she has taught us! . . . among which is the true meaning of the "desire to do." Never have we left a meeting without joyous spiritual upliftment, a keener sense of responsibility, the enthusiasm and greater desre to go forth and serve our fellow men.

By her living example we have appreciated more than ever the budgeting and organizing of our time so that we can do the Lord's work with time and more to successfully attend to home and other activities.

We pray that she may always have the health and strength to carry on her many phases of work; that she may know joy because of her influence for good throughout the Mission; that she may know happiness because of the assurance that "all is well with her loved ones at home."

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence."

DEAR Fellow Workers,

The following is a schedule for the second round of Hui Parihas for the Mutual Improvement Association. We the M.I.A. Mission Board are looking forward to visiting your Branches and Districts and now that the programme is out we do hope and pray that you will be ready when your turn comes.

M.I.A. SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

10-11 a.m. Music.
Dress Rehearsal.

11-12 a.m. Drama.
Under direction of District.

12-12:45 p.m. Mission Board Meeting with District.
Under direction of Mission Board.

12:45-2 p.m. Lesson Demonstration and Instruction from the Mission Board.
Under direction of Mission Board.

2:15-4:30 p.m. Sports and Athletics.
Under direction of District.

5-6 p.m. KAI. KAI. KAI.

8-9:30 p.m. Music and Drama Festival.
Under direction of District.

9:30-11 p.m. Maori Culture and Recreation, Dancing.
Under direction of District.

M.I.A. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY

6:30-8 a.m. Youth Testimony Meeting.
Under direction of District.

12:30-1:50 p.m. Mission Board with Branch and District Officers and Teachers.
Under direction of Mission Board.

WHY A M.I.A. AT ALL?

Ridiculous as that question may seem, it has been asked more than once, and doubtless it has been thought many times when the going has been rough.

One of Satan's most dependable weapons is discouragement. Many M.I.A. workers give up because of it, and nearly all of us are slowed down at various times because we become discouraged.

Yes, it is hard to keep fully organized. Yes, some of those we choose to help us don't live up to expectations. Yes, we will have meetings and activities which seem to go on the wrong track from the start. Yes, misunderstandings will arise. Yes, a few will be handicapped by lack of family support.

Yes, sacrifices will have to be made. When you are invited to a party and in conflict with a scheduled meeting a choice will have to be made. We know which is the right choice. Right here the Devil gets in some of his best punches when he whispers that so-and-so isn't tied down with a Church job. He is free to go anywhere he wants at any time, his business prospers, perhaps more than ours, etc., etc.

Yes, some of those we teach will turn against the principles. Yes, many things will happen to discourage us.

Why try to conduct a M.I.A? Because it is part of the plan for the salvation and exaltation of God's children. We are co-workers with the Lord in His project.

Certainly the Devil doesn't want the plan to work. He has fought it since its beginning. Opposition and discouragement can be expected. It is really a blessing in disguise because it helps us to grow and develop and encourages us to do better.

At Hui Tau we were given chal-

lenges. We are expected to work out ways and means of carrying them out. We have the spirit of the Lord to direct us; so if we keep in tune, we cannot fail.

We must make sacrifices. We may not get ahead financially like some others, but when we do God's work we get God's pay which consists of treasures in heaven "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal."

The Master had plenty of obstacles to overcome. They rejected His message; two of the Twelve turned against Him; He was mocked and scorned and crucified between two thieves. He had every reason to become discouraged and step out from under the load.

We as His fellow workers must "carry on." Every youth of the Church must have our guidance and help and every living soul upon the earth must hear the message of salvation.

This is not a battle for the weak. When we are called upon to report our mortal accomplishments we won't get far if we say: "We couldn't do much because we were discouraged."

What are we going to do about it? A Deacon, when asked what his duties were, answered: "You're supposed to do what your supposed to do."

LET'S DO JUST THAT!

Basketball in the N.Z. Mission

ON the 9th of August a group of Elders gathered to play two basketball games in the new Feilding Civic Centre. The games were against the Manawatu Reps. and the New Zealand Reps. The Elders' team came from all parts of New Zealand and represented many parts of the United States and Hawaii.

The Friday game against the Manawatu Reps. was a warm-up for the Elders in preparation for their Saturday night game against the New Zealand Reps. Both teams started slowly, with the Elders finishing strong. The score was 50-34—the victory a result of their working together.

On Saturday night an expectant crowd of over 600 people watched the Elders' team victory against the New Zealand team, the score being 62-48.

Play in the first half was close with the Elders controlling the ball well, but unable to find the basket, while the Kiwis made their shots count. First half ended 24-23 for the Reps.

The missionaries finally found the range in the second round and surged ahead on the shooting of Elders Hilton, Sheffield and Runnells. Meanwhile Elders Olsen and Stevens dominated the backboards with Elders Loveland, Woolstenhulme, Morrison, and Smith controlling the ball in the forecourt, as well as threatening from the outside.

Representing New Zealand were Noal Harford, Allan Bruce, who both scored well, Keith Carr, Hal Priddy, Kevin O'Neal, and Don Cherry.

Assembling in Palmerston North two days before the game, the Elders worked out several times which helped considerably. The Saints in Palmerston North were generous in their support while the Elders were quartered in the Palmerston Chapel.

The capacity crowd witnessed the official opening of the Civic Centre by Mr. Lance Cross of the New Zealand Basketball Association. The beautiful stadium is certainly a credit to the town of Feilding.

Featuring the Districts

BAY OF ISLANDS DISTRICT

By Tai T. Rakena

On 13th of July a "Get Together" of Elders and their wives was held at the Kaikohe Chapel. The honoured guests at this function was President and Sister Ballif. In the earlier part of the evening, remarks were given by President and Sister Ballif, together with others from District Representatives. The congregation then converged into the recreational part of the chapel to enjoy the social part of the evening.

On Sunday, 14th July, Bay of Islands Hui Pariha was held in the same chapel. Many people gathered from as far north as Kaitaia to as far south as Whangarei to enjoy the spiritual feast of this annual conference.

The 20th and 21st of the same month, the Tautoro Hui Peka was held as usual. The many faithful congregated to listen to the spiritual instructions and to sing songs of praises unto God.

On completion of the quorum project, the elders and priests who participated in this work gathered with their wives at a social evening in the Kaikohe Chapel on 27th of July. Also present at this function was President and Sister Ballif.

The 31st of July, Tautoro Branch bid farewell to Brother August Te Whata who has gone on a working mission to the College.

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

Maromaku Branch:

From the "little green valley" we send greetings to our friends and Saints everywhere, especially ex-branch members in Auckland, Taupo, Whangarei and the boys at Northland College. Also a farewell greeting to Sisters Barber and Birdwell and Maralyn Ballif. God bless you good sisters always.

We are happy to report that our branch has reached their College Assessment for this year and are also supporting District functions to help boost up the District College funds. Our Elders' group completed a firewood cutting project.

There was a full representation of our Elders at the last quorum meeting, but the District Leadership meeting could have had better representation. Hope it will be better next month.

We enjoyed having Ken and Sid Going home for the week-end. We miss you boys and hope you will always lead exemplary lives amongst your school mates. Some of our members attended the Bay of Islands Hui Pariha and we are all looking forward to our own District Conference on August 11th.

Highlight of the M.I.A. was the Pioneer Party. Games, oldtime dances, and some amusing and interesting local pioneering stories were enjoyed by all as was the supper—soup and scones. There were some very good pioneer outfits with Laird Kelly, a non-member, winning a prize for the best pioneer costume.

The Sunday School programme brought to mind the importance of preparing ourselves now so that we will be worthy of going to the Temple to do our own work and the importance of Temple ordinances in our lives and the hereafter. Relief Society Sisters are busy keeping up their 20-minute daily scripture reading and the Primary are busy as bees preparing their Sunday programme.

We welcome back from the College Don and Rebe Mason and their family. We're glad to have them with us

again but are sorry that it was illness that necessitated their return.

Highlight of the month was the Elders' basket social held in Whangarei on July 26th. Although the attendance wasn't as large as expected, the District College assessment will be about £20 better off.

The District Green and Gold Ball will be held at Pipiwai on Friday, 13th September. All proceeds of this ball will go towards the College assessment also.

Pipiwai and Ngaiotonga Branches have held Hui Pekas since we last reported. Pipiwai had a very good programme on Saturday night which was presented in a very orderly manner.

Two new district M.I.A. officers are being set apart at our Hui Pariha. Brother James Murray, Drama Director; Brother Tom Murray, Dance Director. Both these brothers are from the Moerewa Branch.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Doug Williams

Auckland No. 1:

Hello, everyone! Well, undoubtedly the most enjoyable of activities this month was our Gold and Green Ball. It was held on a very beautiful evening—the 12th of July.

The doors of the recreation hall were opened wide to the hundreds of lovely couples, dancing and seated in the atmosphere of a Jamaican fiesta. The decorations were most effective. These consisted of two large silhouettes of Jamaican dancers and two sketches—one of the famous NB Jamaican Kingston Hotel, the other the ever popular Montego Bay. With potted palms placed around the hall and spotlights picking out the decorations, this was a most effective setting. Along with this went three very good floor shows; especially the "Calypso" number for which the group dressed Jamaican style. We extend our thanks to all who worked so hard to produce this wonderful evening.

Firesides are becoming a popular thing again after a long break. This month we held four very inspiring firesides, the first being a review of *The Book of Mormon.* This was given by Elder R. J. Browning. The second fireside was a musical appreciation lesson given by Sister J. Garrett, presented in such a manner that most folk now have a better appreciation for good music. Sister Garrett took us through on all the points of music from the latest craze, "Calypso," to the classical master pieces. Elder L. K. Tolman presented a movie evening for the third fireside. In it was shown the interesting activities that M-Men and Gleaners of Elder Tolman's home town participated. Last but not least. A baseball game (who'd think of it?). The group was divided into two teams, girls against boys. Elder Browning acted as pitcher, and each team player moved according to the question pitched to him or her, if he or she answered it. Sorry, girls . . . but you just didn't have a show!

Auckland No. 2:

Well, here we are again. Our reporter is away in sunny Tonga at present, and your truly has been slipping on the job. Our M.I.A. has had some novel opening assemblies lately. Pioneer night saw us travelling into space. This was quite a change from the usual type of programme held on this occasion. In an attempt to improve Mutual attendance, we are holding games such as darts, table tennis, and badminton. These are proving very popular with everyone, and I am sure will serve their purpose.

This month saw the departure of several of our Elders along with one of our own members, Sister Mitzi Rivers. A very impressive farewell was given Mitzi by the folk here in Auckland, the most outstanding part of which was the presentation of a full Maori outfit from the group of

which Mitzi was a faithful member. We wish her all the best in her adopted home country.

Another noteworthy farewell was that given to Elders Briggs, Brown, Bartschi, Bright, Bailey, Tonks, and Elder and Sister Wood. A large group of Saints, along with the choir, gathered at the railway station to see these missionaries off. Their ship left from Wellington. We are truly grateful for the efforts of these fine missionaries, and feel sure they will be blest for their untiring services to the work of the Lord.

That's all for now, folks. See you next issue!

North Shore Branch:

Greetings from North Shore Branch.

One very noticeable feature in our Branch this month was the rise in attendance at the Sunday meetings and also Relief Society meetings. Thanks are due to the very good work by our two labouring missionaries, Elder Anderson and Elder Shy, who are bringing many investigators along.

Our little hall was filled to capacity on July 21st when about 20 missionaries paid us a visit and conducted the evening service. Elder Bell conducted and the lady missionaries provided the choir numbers. They were a treat to listen to.

During the month we were very happy to welcome Elder Adams who visited the Sunday School on behalf of the Mission Presidency.

On the fourth Wednesday of the month the Relief Society listened to the last Social Science lesson from their teacher, Sister Barber, who has recently sailed for home. After the meeting was closed supper was served and the President, Sister Murfitt, expressed the sadness felt by all at losing her and presented her with a small token of their esteem. Sister Barber's lessons have always been a joy and a source of inspiration to them.

Then on August 3rd Sister Barber was the guest of honour at M.I.A. Pioneer Night at "this olde house" when members of the branch foregathered to say farewell. Our branch President, Brother Marquis, wished her Godspeed and presented her with a book on Maori legends which was autographed by all those present. Enjoyable items were given, followed by supper.

On July 14th Sister Mavis and George Bryce had their infant son blessed by the Elders and named John Leslie Bryce. The blessing was given by Elder Murfitt. Another blessing, performed by Elder Shy, was that of the new born babe of Mr. and Mrs. Emery. The baby was given the name of Sheryl Anne Emery.

August 4th was a big night for Primary who presented the evening service conducted by Sister Roberts. The children gave their usual bright performance, especially the tiny tots, who gave a dramatisation of "The Good Samaritan." Millicent Davie was presented with her bandelo by Sister Broederlow, the Primary President, who presented her to M.I.A. President Brother Davie. During the month Terry Howe was graduated from Primary and also presented to the M.I.A. President.

Sister Jean Pederson was released as chorister and teacher of the tiny tots in Primary and later set apart as chorister in M.I.A. Other new appointments in the branch are as follows: Oscar Broederlow Jnr. was set apart as chorister in the Sunday School; Sister Murfitt Snr. as Teacher of Social Science in Relief Society; Bro. Marvin Butler Jnr. as Teacher Trainer in the branch; Sister Walnetta Broederlow as Teacher of the tiny tots in Primary.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

Hello, everybody!

A very enjoyable "Cabaret Evening" was held in the Hastings Chapel Recreation Hall by the Southon-Randell Talents Committee. Dancing and supping by candlelight was indeed

a pleasure. The fruit punch was most delicious and popular. The funds raised from this social were handed over to the Branch Presidency.

To Sister Hine Tahau we extend further congratulations on her added honours gained in the Nursing profession.

Honours in basketball would go to Sister Hapuku of Te Hauke. She will be going to Christchurch and is a second year student at the Waipawa High. Congratulations, Margaret!

Another of our girls, Sister Kahu Timu, returned again to Hukarere College this year and is Head Prefect. She gained her University Entrance last year. We wish our young people all the best in their studies and sports honours.

The District Genealogy Committee held their first union meeting and reaped a good attendance. Much interest was shown by the members.

Released from the district Y.M.-M.I.A. Board was Brother Anderson Waretini. He is now taking care of M.I.A. activities in the Te Hauke Branch.

Representing Hawkes Bay at indoor basketball was Sister Jane K. Edwards of Korongata. All games were played at Palmerston North.

'Tis good to see Brother Hamiora Kamau out of hospital and about his duties, especially in the genealogical work.

Elder Smaile and local brethren have prepared a meeting room in one of the homes that stands on the chapel property (Napier). This wil be used temporarily. On August 4th they held their first meeting in it and President and Sister Ballif, our District Presidency and Brother Paul Randell attended, besides the local members and investigators.

Sister "Tinker" Tawera of Porirua Branch spent a short holiday with her sister, Ella Hawea, in Te Hauke.

Under the able organization of Sister Mary Reid, the Korongata singing group, combined with the Kamau family, made visits to "Grandma" Ani Maraki Kamau who is in hospital and brought cheer and sunshine with their lovely singing which also permeated throughout the wards and indeed affected many who heard them. A big "health germ" to our dear Sister and speedy return to loved ones.

A group of our menfolk journeyed to Hamilton after the 2 o'clock session of our Hui Pariha to help out with the work. Under pleasant weather conditions our one-day Hui was held in Hastings on August 4th. From the Saturday Priesthood Social until the last session the Hui was indeed a success. We were shown the film on the Los Angeles Temple and heard again the voice of President David O. McKay which added so much more to the inspiration and upliftment received from our Hui.

Over these past three months of rain and cold our branch and district activities on the whole have been most gratifying. Arohanui to our College Temple personnel, especially to the very new ones—Brother and Sister Taka Walker and son, and Brother Paul Wairama, all of Te Hauke Branch.

"I who have sung of Spring can find no word
To use for beauty felt—
Unseen, unheard."

STATISTICS

Births.—To Brother Nia Nia and Violet Nikora, a daughter.

To Brother Peter Nukunoa and Hine Hapi, a daughter.

Ordinations.—Brother Walter Valesci to Teacher; Brother Hugh Southon to Priest; Brother Richard Wihongi to Teacher; Brother John Smith to Elder; Brother Paul Tahau to Priest.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Sister Clem Ormsby

Greetings to all readers of the T.K. News is scarce this month, but in the district the presidency is keeping up

their fine work. Brother P. Te-Rei has been visiting many homes of members of outlying areas. Those visits give the members a feeling of belonging and do much to strengthen and encourage them.

An M.I.A. has been organized at Whakatane and the following officers sustained: Sister Mae Print, president; Sister Jewel Quigg, 1st counsellor; Sister Junior McKay, 2nd counsellor. Brother Pamea McKay has been appointed Maori Culture leader.

The Rotorua Branch now hold all meetings at the "Professional and Business Women's Club Rooms" and trust we will be settled there until such times as our hopes of a chapel are realized.

We were most happy to have with us on Sunday, 11th, at our sacrament meeting Brother Vernon Hamon, Branch President, of Pureora. He brought along a recording of a talk by Elder Hugh B. Brown which thrilled us anew as we listened to him give his intellectual reasons for his belief in *The Book of Mormon.* His testimony of the divinity of the same and the knowledge he has that Joseph Smith was indeed a prophet of God are truly inspiring.

The Rotorua Primary has received an award for the outstanding number of subscriptions in this area to the *Children's Friend.* Sister Joy Hansen gave a party for her neighbourhood primary on Saturday, 10th, to celebrate the commemoration of the organization of the Primary, August 11th, 1848. The party was much appreciated by the children and the way those goodies disappeared . . . Well!

We are sorry to say Au Revoir to Elder Buckley after so short a stay with us, part of which was spent in hospital. Kia Ora, Elder, glad to have made your acquaintance. At present we have Elder Reid and Elder Lords with us carrying on the good work.

Cheerio. My best wishes to all.

KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Ruby Hooper

Otorohanga:

As this goes to press the M.I.A. group are working hard to make their Gold and Green Ball a success. It will be held at Hangatiki on August 17th.

The two or three Relief Society Sisters are always delighted when Sister Wairoa, their District President, unexpectedly drops in.

Sister Marama Newton is going to join forces with her brother Jim at the College in the very near future.

Pureora:

The 28th of July was a very enjoyable day for all at our Hui Peka. It was a day of days as our general sessions were taken on the tape recorder kindly brought along by Brother Hamon. It will be interesting to hear our recorded talks.

How unusual and exciting it was for everyone including the four Zion Elders, when snow began to fall in the afternoon.

On July 28th Sister Joan Palmer was set apart as Relief Society teacher. Also set apart was Sister Mihi Harris and Brother Tuwharerangi Harris as M.I.A. teachers. We welcome to the fold Sister Joan Palmer who was baptized recently by Elder Smart.

The Relief Society held a most successful "Bring and Buy" during the month.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Delia Steele

There have been several socials during the past month at the Palmerston North Branch, the last one being on the 9th August in honour of Sister Birdwell who has terminated her mission here in New Zealand and sailed for home on the 16th. Sister Birdwell has been with us for some months and are sorry to lose her. She was always ready with a helping hand and is liked by all members, not only of the Palmerston North Branch but in the District.

On the 9th and 10th August we were privileged to see a basketball game between a Church team consisting of Zion Elders. Those participating in the game were Elders Sheffield, Morrison, Hilton, Stevens, Blanch, Runnels, Olsen, Woolstenhulme, Smith and Loveland. On Friday night they played a Palmerston North-Feilding team, winning 50 to 34. Then on Saturday they played a New Zealand representative team, the score being 62 to 48 in favour of the Elders. As you can see by the scoring the Elders acquitted themselves very well. It is always good to see these games, and they create a big interest among those people who like to watch good basketball, and even among those who do not know much about the game. At the Saturday night game the stadium was packed, and there was great enthusiasm, especially among the members of the Church who came from far and wide to watch. The games were played at the New Civic Centre in Feilding.

On the 4th August the Primary gave their programme and it was very enjoyable. The children who were assigned talks were very good, and they had quite a few thoughts that we grown-ups could take notice of. Sister Whibley and Sister Rosemary Clarke are to be highly commended for being able to put this programme on as Primary had been functioning in Palmerston North for only about three weeks before the programme was due to be given.

M.I.A. in Palmerston North seems to be going very well, if last night's meeting was anything to go by. There was an open meeting and there were three sketches given by those present, besides dancing and games. The whole evening was a great success. Most of the meetings are well attended, although some of the younger people do not come, but we hope to get them interested as time goes on. If they only knew what they were missing, and the good time to be had, I am sure they would not miss a meeting. The M.I.A. in Palmerston North appeals to all young members to come along and help swell their numbers. You know, all the more the merrier! Not only the young people are welcome, but the parents, too.

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

It was a day of rain and cold winds on July 27th when members from the district left their homes from 6:30 a.m. and later to attend the leadership meeting at New Plymouth. But these conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm these members took to this meeting. There was 40 in attendance and everyone says that it was the best leadership meeting ever held in this district. New Plymouth members are so enthusiastic and plans for the Hui Pariha on August 25th are well in hand. They now have Elder Briggs and Hatch to help build up their membership in that scattered branch. They miss Brother Edward Falwasser who left in June to work at the College.

July was not a month of much activity in Manaia and Utiku although regular meetings have been held. Brother Pohe Rei paid a short visit to Porirua and on July 21st at Manaia little Warnick Robinson was blessed by Brother Turake Manuirirangi.

In Wanganui I think the highlight of the month was the wonderful Relief Society meeting held on the 30th of July. This was a special social afternoon to honour two of our oldest members in Relief Society and the Branch. Everyone here knows and respects Sister Amy Harris and Sister Francis Allan but I would like you all to meet these two wonderful women.

Thirty-eight years ago two Zion missionaries knocked on the door of Sister Harris' home and were invited in to give their message. One of these Elders was Elder Hunsaker who baptized Sister Harris a member of this Church. Since that time so long ago,

Sister Harris has really lived the Gospel, for besides raising her own family, she has looked after 25 children belonging to other people. Some of these children were brought to her sick and she nursed most of them back to health.

Sister Harris has a wonderful testimony of the Gospel and it makes one feel humble when they listen to her speak. We always associate Sister Allan with Sister Harris—they always seem to be together. Sister Allan has been a member of the Church for over 40 years—36 of which have been spent in the Wanganui Branch. She

Sister Harris Sister Allan

and her husband came here from Auckland when there were three families in this branch and meetings were held in the Allan's sitting room. Not long after Sister Allan's husband's death a few years ago, she went to the temple in Hawaii to be sealed to him for time and eternity. Sister Allan is the only member of this branch who has been through a temple. Both Sister Allan and Sister Harris have worked hard for the welfare of the branch and we are thankful for their membership and example they show us. These two sisters combined ages total 130 years!

Also attending our special meeting was Sister Jones who with her husband was baptized the same day as Sister Harris. Sister Jones lost contact with the Church until Elder and Sister O. Pearce visited her and we were happy to welcome her after so many years and know she will be a regular attender at our Relief Society meetings from now on. We were also pleased to welcome Sister M. Phillips to meetings again.

There have been releases in the auxiliaries in the branch. Sister Patricia Blythe has been released from her position as Primary President and Sister Rosina Katene, who was released as a teacher in Sunday School, has been sustained as the new President. We would like to thank Sister Blythe for her interest in the children and wish Sister Katene every happiness in her new calling. Sister Aorangi Blackburn has been sustained as secretary to the Relief Society.

On the 25th July, Brother Anderson and the Zion Elders repaired a fence for Sister Harris who is grateful for all the help people have given her.

On July 28th Brother Gordon H. Anderson was ordained a deacon by his uncle, Elder Wm. A. Anderson.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

Following the same pattern of Mission-wide conferences, the 'Elders' with their wives and friends, participated in a Special Service, followed by a banquet and social evening on Saturday, 20th July, thus commencing the District's first round conference, which was held at Porirua. Sunday, 21st July, in perfect weather, meetings were held where inspirational and instructional messages were given and received. Especially enjoyed by all was the music during the services furnished by the Hutt and Wellington Branch Choirs. In the evening a "Music Festival" was conducted by the Porirua Choir, where voices blended together in harmony making each and every song live.

Appointments throughout the district are: As Y.W.M.I.A. President, Sister Rakapa Parata; S.S. Supt., Brother Ru. Tarawhiti; and as Relief Society Chorister, Sister Polly Tarawhiti.

Representatives from Otago, Wairau and Taranaki met the Wellington District at Porirua in a special M.I.A. session recently under the Mission M.I.A. Board to study, learn, and gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the Maori Culture Programme for the Temple dedication.

The capital city made headlines over the past month with the "Asian flu." It seemed that every second person had it or were getting it. Work in the district was slackened as many of the Saints found themselves stricken with it, and particularly noticeable was the large drop in attendance at all services. Now that everyone is starting to breathe normally again, work must continue on and so from the Hutt Branch we hear that recently in a sacrament service presentations of awards to Aaronic Priesthood members were made to Brothers John Daymond, Edwin and William Daymond, and Huri Parata. Congratulations are certainly due to them.

Five new members have, through the waters of baptism, been made members of the Branch and we welcome them into the fold. They are Brothers Peter Campbell, Douglas Meikler, Matthew Cowley Walker, and Teria and Meri Smiler.

Visitors to this Branch have been Sister Irving of Palmerston North and Sister Chote of Auckland. It's been good to have you here.

Recent arrival to the Branch has been the baby son of John and Maureen Daymond.

Porirua reports that cupid is still around, and recently parties have been held at the Recreation Hall, announcing the engagements of the daughters of Brother and Sister Piri Parai; the eldest daughter, Kahui to Lloyd (Mark) Wills of Wellington and Roena to Brother Tony McCarthy of Wanganui. Best wishes are extended to both couples.

Advancements in the Priesthood were made to Brothers Johnson, Lang and Franklin who were ordained as Deacons; as a Priest, Brother Frank Pou; as an Elder, Brother Edison Wineera.

Following the release of Brother Alec Wineera Jr., as Supt. of the Sunday School, this office has now been filled by Brother Frank Pou, with Brothers Frank Hippolite and Reg Tarawa as counsellors and Sister Myra Wineera as secretary.

Weekly dates are being made by all, young and old, to meet every Thursday and Friday nights to attend table tennis and film evenings at the Chapel Hall. These evenings are sponsored by the Elders in raising funds for Missionary Assessments.

Due to the Asian flu, Maralyn, infant daughter of Brother and Sister John Elkington, passed away at the age of 10 months on August 13th. The district joins in with our District President and his wife in their great sad loss.

To provide news of the Wellington Branch has now fallen upon Sister Mamie Pohatu, who has accepted to be "T.K." agent for them. Through her we hope to have Wellington in the news. After all, they are the big, big city.

Appointed as new M.I.A. President following the release of Sister Dorothy Suapaia is Sister Rawinia Haeata.

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WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. N. McDonald, Jnr.

Greetings once again from the sunniest district in New Zealand.

On Sunday, 28th July, a most successful correlation meeting was held at Nelson Chapel. The meeting commenced at 2:30 and concluded at 4:45 p.m. to give the Grovetown Branch

time to return to Blenheim to hold their sacrament meeting.

A short inspirational talk was given by Elder Roskelly after which instructions were given by the district officers for the following classes:

Sunday School—J. N. McDonald Snr.; Genealogy, Sister Selwyn; M.I.A., Roma H. Elkington. Good attendances at the Priesthood (13), Relief Society (13), M.I.A. (28) meetings augers well for the future of these correlation meetings.

Altogether an attendance of 28 officers and teachers and investigators Mr. and Mrs. Limbert made for a most successful meeting.

The Grovetown Branch members brought 17 bags of potatoes to sell to the Nelson and Madsen members to augment the Grovetown Branch funds.

Madsen Branch:

Members travelled to the funeral of Peter Davies, a member of the Nelson Branch.

Adopted to Roma and May Elkington, a lovely son, Frederick Taetea.

The weather in general has been poor and the Elders' Quorum fishing group were unable to get out.

Nelson Branch:

Brother Ben Hippolite Snr. conducted the graveside services for Peter Davis, husband of Jocelyn McDonald.

The M.I.A. was reorganized and the following are the branch officers: Superintendent, Tiwini Hemi; 1st counsellor, Sister Rout; 2nd counsellor, Sister De Pina. Average attendance throughout the winter was 14 and it is hoped that with the summer coming on the new organization can boost their number substantially.

Sster Ehu Davis, a member of the Porirua District, has been very ill in the Nelson Hospital. The Elders administer to her and we pray that she will be up and about very shortly. Waha Tupaea, who has been recently released from working at the College, has returned to Nelson.

Grovetown Branch:

Woodcutting for Branch, College and Temple funds continues each Saturday morning with orders from non-members exceeding supplies. Further revenue to the funds was added by the sale of 17 bags of potatoes to Nelson and Madsen members.

M.I.A. attendance has been about 20 each week and with the coming of summer it is hoped that the Mutual will build up from this figure and increase their outlook and activity.

Brother J. N. McDonald Jnr. and family leave for Western Samoa on the 31st of August from Auckland and this will necessitate a change in the officers of the M.I.A. Superintendency. I would like to take this opportunity to say cheerio to my brothers and sisters and hope that I have brought to you as district reporter news and vews of interest to you. By the time you read this my family and I should be well established in Samoa where we have about 4000 members. I hope to still be able to read about Wairau District through the *Te Karere.*

That is all for now so until next issue it's cheerio!

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OTAGO DISTRICT

Christchurch Branch:

Greetings once more from the "mainland" to readers of the "T.K." with news of the latest doings from Christchurch. First of all we send our congratulations to Tom and Lorna Reed on the birth of their daughter, Ann Theresa. Although you are so far away, we always claim you as one of us down here.

Well, it appears that our Branch has really settled down now, especially in regards to our Zion Elders. Our new District President is Elder Evans who has with him Elder Lewis as District Secretary. Already we have

taken these two Elders to our hearts and all augers well for the future.

Highlight of the month was the evening given to honour Elder Petersen, our former District President, now returned to the U.S.A. This evening will be well remembered by the 50 or so present. We called it "Travel Night." The walls of the chapel were covered with brilliant posters advertising the beauty spots of the world. A very enjoyable evening was had by all in fun and games concluding with a mock court in which Elder Petersen was the chief prisoner. He was ably defended by Brother Baden Pere and sentenced by Judge Brother Len Clemens with Sister Dot Snelling as the prosecutor. An excellent supper was provided and we all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne to complete a never-to-be-forgotten evening.

Saturday evening, July 27th, the Relief Society held a Beetle evening to raise funds for our Temple College fund. This was successful although there were not many present, but our profit for the evening was over £12. Brother R. Wilton was the Beetle winner, and an auction sale conducted by Elder Evan and Brother Clemens helped well the funds. The Branch is now all out to wipe out our deficiency with the College Fund. It is proposed to hold more evenings during the coming month.

We regret that Sister Ruth Wilton has been released as Adult Sunday School Teacher, a position she has held for the past three years. We say thank you, Sister Wilton, for your service.

We also regret to announce that Sister Avis Tau is in hospital with pneumonia. Get well, Avis, we miss you in the Primary.

Brother Baden Pere recently flew over to Australia for a wedding in Adelaide.

Visitors to the Branch during the month included: President Ballif; Elders Biesinger and Bird; Elders Adams and Wilde from Mission Headquarters.

To Sister Kitty Sue Barber we wish a pleasant voyage back to Texas. We thank you for your wonderful efforts as "T.K." editor.

Cheerio, readers. More news next month.

Invercargill Branch:

Hi, from Invercargill once more. Just a few words to all to let you know we are still here, and all very much alive.

Our little Sunday School organization has been going along pretty well this last month. Brother Phillip Earnest Fallowfield was sustained as set apart as an assistant in the Invercargill Sunday School Superintendcy on Sunday, July 28th.

Congratulations are in store for Mr. Cyril Stroud and Sister Hazel Agnew Stroud. A baby son was born to them on Friday, July 26th.

The members are still going strong and are very active. We really appreciate their testimonies and their willingness to work.

Mission Supply Requests the Following:

The support of ALL individuals (including missionaries) ordering through the Mission Supply Office for ANY materials—for branch, district, or private use

Beginning on the 12th OF AUGUST all Mission Supply orders are to be obtained through the use of a special requisition. This requisition has been supplied to all District Presidents, who in turn supplied them to the branches. (Those NOT associated with any branch may send directly to the Mission Office for these forms.) People wanting books or other supplies should obtain a requisition form from either the District or Branch President.

Above is the beautiful **Tamaki Branch Chapel.** It is now completed ready for opening services on Sunday, 1st September. These events will be reported in our next "T.K."

The Chapel is situated in Pilkington Road overlooking the new Panmure shopping centre. Its modern architecture strikes an imposing picture on the skyline.

Ground-breaking for this Chapel was held 27th February, 1956, and construction began immediately. The cost is not yet known, but the Tamaki Branch members, with the assistance of members from the Auckland District, have contributed over £2000 in cash to date.

Approximately 7,000 s. ft. in area, it is constructed entirely of "College blocks" with green tiled floors. The twin central heating units add warmth to the atmosphere created inside with the artistic use of green, lemon and pink colours on the walls. All the classrooms and the Relief Society room are fitted with blackboards. Those in the Junior Sunday School are continuous around the walls, two feet off the floor to permit the tiny tots to express themselves suitably. Two of these rooms can be divided by folding leather doors similiar to the one in the Auckland Chapel.

A well-appointed kitchen adjoins the beautifully-lit stage and recreation hall which will seat 300 people. The Chapel seats an additional 200.

A full, high-fidelity sound reproduction system has been installed throughout and will help provide accompaniment for hymns by means of recorded organ music. Dance music for M.I.A. functions will also be played over this system.

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vance for all of us today. The first day of the work, the Lord's Day, is to us the Sabbath Day; Sabbath because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in memory thereof. Let us all rejoice exceedingly because God has considered the children of men to be of sufficient importance to be given a Sabbath. For the sake of our children and our children's children, let us remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy.

. . . "*And again, verily I say unto you, I command you again to build a house in my name, even in this place, that you may prove yourselves unto me that ye are faithful in all things whatsoever I command you, that I may bless you, and crown you with honour, immortality, and eternal life.*"

D. & C. 124:55.

★ This month PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY celebrates his eighty-fourth birthday. And on this occasion we in New Zealand would like to congratulate our Prophet.

His great faith in the people of this Mission was evidenced in his visit to our land and in the great construction programme now underway. We look forward to his return and pray for his continued health.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENT McKAY.

. . . and All Nations shall flow unto it . .

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

PEACE IN THE HEARTS OF MEN

THE most powerful physical force that man has learned to control is force released by atom splitting. While this energy can be used for man's welfare, its most awe-inspiring use is in its destructive power. Atomic explosions are brought into play to explode the most powerful of all destructive forces—the "H" bomb. The fear created by the threatened use of this weapon holds nations in check, at least for the present.

It has been argued that this atomic power will force all men to live in peace. Force has never been the means of establishing peace in the hearts of men. Peace is a product of love and understanding. Force brings hatred and retaliation.

In the *Book of Mormon,* 4th Nephi, Chapter 1, we are informed that the disciples of Jesus formed a Church of Christ and the people repented and were baptized in the name of Jesus and received the Holy Ghost.

"And it came to pass in the thirty and sixth year, the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another.

"And they had all things common among them; therefore they were not rich and poor, bond and free, but they were all made free, and partakers of the heavenly gift.

"And they did not walk any more after the performances and ordinances of the law of Moses; but they did walk after the commandments which they had received from their Lord and their God, continuing in fasting and prayer, and in meeting together oft both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.

"And it came to pas that there was no contention among all the people, in all the land; but there were mighty miracles wrought among the disciples of Jesus.

"And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

"And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

"There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the Children of Christ, and heirs to the Kingdom of God."

Let us put in operation the only real force for peace that this world will ever know—THE LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF FELLOWMEN.

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

AFTER all the things that have been said about the home during the first round of Hui Parihas there is one thing more to say: A home should have *charm.*

Driving through the residential part of a city not so long ago, we passed a large ornate house and someone said, "What a gorgeous house. It must have cost a lot of money." All occupants of the car agreed, mentally and audibly computing its worth. Miles and hours later we saw a small white cottage. Underneath the one front window was a long blue box filled with blooming daffodils. "What a charming home!" I exclaimed with enthusiasm. "How lovely!" the others said, and we smiled as we envisioned the family who lived there. "Someone has imagination, someone is an artist," said Tumuaki, noting the rows of pansies along the path. What fun to live in a house like that with the kind of people who made it! What fun to live where there is so much charm!"

A real home must have a mother. It must have a father, too. In fact, the father is the head of the family. And it should have children. It must have understanding and love one for another and for our Father in Heaven. These are basic ingredients. But it should have one thing more if it is to have charm.

What is charm? Charm is sincerity with humour; simplicity and honesty with a bit of bloom and gaiety added to them. This is what I mean by charm, a bit of endearing nonsense added to the basic qualities, not gaiety alone but coupled with sincerity. I have been in homes, as you have, where every one there was so serious and gloomy and the atmosphere was so dull and thick that I could hardly refrain from laughing out loudly just to see what would happen. A family and a house together make a home, and homes should have humour, fun and laughter along with the more serious qualities. This makes living luminous.

A home need not have "glam-oo-r" nor any of those unpleasant features that are merely pretentious and unreal. There are no delusions of expensive grandeur in a charming home. All is simple, sound, straightforward, able to take plenty of hard knocks. There is fitness, restraint, taste and common sense. Added to these are those small touches, appropriately placed flowers, a shining glass bowl on the table that catches the sunshine and diffuses its shimmering light into the dispositions of all who see it, perfect moments of silent understanding between father and son, mother and daughter. Yes, there is a bit of star-dust sprinkled over inanimate and living things. This is what I mean by charm.

Knowing as we do that marriage and families will endure throughout eternity, it makes us want to fill our homes, from the foundation to the roof, every nook and cranny of it, every child and nanny in it, with charm and more charm!

"Positiveness generates Positiveness."—Mark Robertson.

Editorial . . .

"Oh, come ye youth of Israel,
Come climb this TEMPLE HILL."

It was on *This Temple Hill* at the ground-breaking services in 1955 that Elder George Biesinger said, "We have the Lord on our side. I am sure of that. I have seen it demonstrated in the College and in getting this far with the Temple. But He will not build this Temple. It is here for US to do."

US has been the active builder in successfully bringing this great construction programme to its present stage. Each step in the progress of the project has taken the combined effort of every member of the Church.

As the work missionaries labour in the actual construction and the supplying of materials, those in the district contribute the funds necessary for the sustenance of these workers. Many use their "holidays" giving assistance at the College, and monthly projects of Priesthood Quorums throughout the Mission give additional manpower.

The various Church organizations in each branch sponsor evenings, recreations, and other activities to raise funds for the College project.

The key is *Unity*—a principle so beautifully taught by the Saviour. In prayer to His Father He asked that His apostles and all believers "may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

That we may be ONE in the completing of this great programme is the prayer and desire of all. The Lord *is* on our side. With united faith and continued effort from US, a one-time seemingly impossible task will be accomplished.

"Join hands O youth of Israel,
Come climb this Temple Hill.
Remember through your faith and works
This promise can fulfill."

Faith and Works

By ELDER LaRELLE J. HATCH

WHEN climbing a ladder we begin at the bottom and ascend step by step until we arrive at the top. The same thing applies to the principles of the Gospel. We must begin at the first and go on until we have learned all the principles of exaltation.

Faith is the first principle of revealed religion. It is written, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6.)

We must believe in God, as the Maker and Creator of all things, the Ruler of Heaven and earth. By faith all things are possible with God, and with man.

We must have faith in Jesus Christ, as our Saviour, and as the Son of the living God. We must believe He is the character He is represented to be in the Holy Scriptures. We must believe He told His disciples, "Go ye forth and preach the Gospel to every creature; He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned." We must believe this same Jesus died for the sins of the whole world.

How may we acquire this faith that is so necessary for our salvation? Faith is a gift of God. It is gained by righteous living, and not by our own command, but by doing the will of our Heavenly Father. The Saviour told His apostles on one occasion when they didn't have sufficient faith to cast out devils that the faith by which he accomplished it came only by fasting and prayer. (Matt. 17:18-20.) The Apostle Paul tells us that "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17.) These are a few of the ways we can obtain faith.

President John Taylor once stated, "Faith without works being dead, it is evident that living faith and that which is acceptable to God is that which not only believes in God, but acts upon that belief. It is not only the cause of action but includes both cause and action. Or, in other words, it is belief or faith made perfect by works.

If faith without works is dead, what is the meaning of "saved by Grace" that Apostle Paul speaks about, and so many Churches are built around? "For by Grace, are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is a gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9.)

It is evident that none of our works can affect this Grace of God which is a free gift. This free gift or grace Paul tells us about, is the things Jesus Christ did for us that we could not do for ourselves. He created the earth under the direction of His Father. He atoned for the transgression of our first parents, providing the resurrection for all men. (For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.) (1 Cor. 15:22.) He organized His kingdom upon the earth, giving us the everlasting Gospel, that by our obedience to the laws and ordinances, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. (Hebrew 5:9.)

These are free gifts not of our own work lest any man should boast. But remember that to obtain these graces it is only to all them that obey Him.

The Apostle Paul said, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap." (Galatians 6:11.)

We can liken our lives and these

free gifts of God unto a farmer and his land. No matter how much land the farmer has, if it is not planted he cannot reap. After he has prepared his land and done all he possibly can, then he will receive his reward for his work. But there are certain things he could not do for himself. Who provided the fertile soil, and the germ of life in the seeds? Who provided the sun to warm the soil so the seed could germinate and grow? These represent free gifts of Grace, and yet the farmer will reap as he has sown. Just as we will be judged out of those things which are written in the books according to our works. (Rev. 20:12-13.)

Paul's statement, "We are saved by Grace," has been misunderstood by both preacher and laity. Preachers have taught salvation by the snap of the finger or lip confession of a belief in Christ through no obedience to commandments and works of righteousness.

The chief Apostle, Peter, in his epistle warned the saints, saying that some of Paul's writings concerning salvation were hard to be understood which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16.)

Many people have been led astray and have contented themselves with a lip confession of faith to their own destruction. Do not be deceived. It is only by our complete obedience to the Gospel that we may gain complete salvation or exaltation and eternal life. It is not by saying a few simple words that we gain this blessing. We must have . . .

FAITH PLUS WORKS!

Elder Harold F. Wolfgramm appointed Mission Counsellor

ELDER HAROLD F. WOLFGRAMM, Ensign I Ward, Ensign Stake, has been set apart as First Counsellor to President Ariel S. Ballif

of the New Zealand Mission. He succeeds Elder Max R. Hymas who has been released to return home.

Elder Wolfgramm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Elkington of Wellington, New Zealand, and resided in Salt Lake City seven years prior to his Mission call back to his homeland.

He was actively engaged in Church work at the time of his Mission call, serving as Secretary and Counsellor in the MIA of his ward and as a Ward Teacher.

He attended the University of Utah were he was majoring in Education and Speech, and worked for KSL Television for three and one-half years.

Elder Wolfgramm arrived in the Mission field December 23, 1955, and has laboured in Mahia, Poverty Bay, and Manawatu Districts. At the time of his appointment he had been serving as Supervising Elder of the Manawatu District.

As First Counsellor, he will be assisting the branches and districts in the Mission field.

Here and There in the Mission

ELDER GENE W. BUSS arrived in New Zealand in September of 1955. He had the opportunity of working in city and district proselyting and first laboured in Tamaki, Auckland, for three months. He spent the next 14

Elder Buss

months in district work in the King Country where he served as 1st Counsellor to the District President. He also laboured in Papatoetoe for two months and worked his last four months in the Mahia District.

Elder Bell

Prior to his mission call, Elder Buss served in the Navy four years and worked one year farming. He plans to attend the B.Y.U. where he will major in Agriculture.

He expressed his joy in fulfilling a mission in New Zealand and thanked the Saints here for their kindness and assistance to him and his companions.

Departing via PAA Constellation were ELDERS DAVID H. BELL and STERLING G. LOVELAND.

Elder Bell arrived in New Zealand March 5, 1955, and spent five weeks at the College. His first proselyting assignment was Hamilton where he laboured seven months. The remaining 22 months of his mission were spent in Auckland, the last six months as Supervising Elder of that District.

Elder Loveland

Many people have benefited from his efforts and will remember him for teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

Prior to his mission, Elder Bell farmed with his father and also worked on the Church farm. He returns to his home in Idaho and plans for the future are indefinite.

Returning home to Provo, Utah, was ELDER STERLING G. LOVELAND. He arrived in New Zealand March 4, 1955, and prior to his mission he attended the B.Y.U., majoring in Journalism.

After five weeks at the College he laboured in the Whangarei District for one year, Wairarapa two months, and Auckland District 15 months.

Hard work brought him in contact with many people and he expressed his appreciation for the hospitality and kindness shown him by both members and non-members of the Church. His future plans depend upon the military service.

ELDER R. JERRY BROWNING attended the University of Idaho prior to his mission call. Arriving here March 19, 1955, he worked at the College until Hui Tau and was then assigned to Poverty Bay District for one year. He was a district elder in Mahia for six months and was then assigned to Auckland Distict, proselyting for eight months and working

Elder Browning

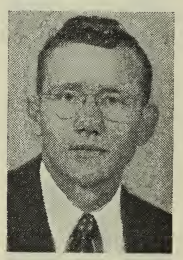
in the Mission Supply Office the past four and a half months.

Serving in Mission Supply, he has given invaluable assistance to the office staff, missionaries and members throughout this mission.

He is grateful for what the people have taught him and thanks all those who worked with him and helped to build his testimony. "Kia tau nga manaakitanga a Te Ariki ki runga ia Koutou Katoa."

ELDER L. VERNON WAGES also spent his first five weeks in New Zealand at the College. He was then assigned to Auckland District and proselyted for six months. He was transferred into the office and called as Mission Recorder for 19 months. His service in that capacity was of great benefit to the branches and districts throughout the Mission.

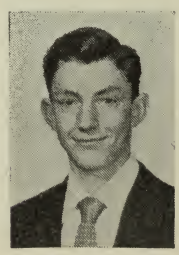
He spent the last four months labouring in Invercargill and would like to attend school on his return home to Idaho.



Elder Wages

Elder Wages expressed his appreciation to the people here and gratitude for the time spent in this Mission.

Returning to Bountiful, Utah, is ELDER CARL MARTIN who arrived in New Zealand March 5, 1955. He laboured for five weeks at the



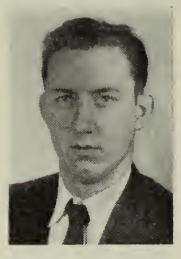
Elder Martin

College, Wairarapa ten months, serving as Branch Secretary part of the time; Manawatu 15 months, six months as Sunday School Superintendent, and doing district work in the Waikato for four months. Prior to his mission call he worked for Cudahy Packing Company and upon

returning home would like to attend vocational school, studying mechanics.

Elder Martin left his message to the people here: Ma te Atua Koe E Tiaki, E Manaaki, Inga wa Katoa. We also wish him the same.

ELDER JOHN H. K. GOLD arrived in New Zealand March 19, 1955.



Elder Gold

His first five weeks at the College extended to a year's time, working as a mechanic in the garage. He was then asigned to the saw mill in Kaikohe

Elder Morrison

for a year and gave great assistance to the project there as a motor engineer. His mission has been varied from the assignments usually given to Elders but one that has been as fruitful in contacting the people.

He spent his last five months proselyting in Lower Hutt in Wellington.

His plans for the future are to attend school and work for Kingsby Freight Lines.

Elder Gold stated that "If more people *in the Church* would live the Gospel, they would have the potential of double the proselyting missionaries labouring in those districts." Kia Kaha to all.

Returning to Lovell, Wyoming, is ELDER EVAN MORRISON who arrived in New Zealand March 4, 1955. After five weeks at the College, his first assignment was New Plymouth, Taranaki, where he laboured 12 months, serving as District MIA

Elder Hatch

Secretary. He also laboured as a district elder in the Waikato for 15½ months and then returned to Taranaki as Supervising Elder for the past two months. He plans to attend the B.Y.U.

Elder Morrison expressed is appreciation to the people in the districts in which he laboured and his pleasure in working with them. His work in those two districts will be long appreciated by those with whom he came in contact.

Another arrival on March 5, 1955, was ELDER LA RELLE J. HATCH of American Fork, Utah. Prior to his mission he was a railway switchman at Geneva Steel.

After Hui Tau, his first assignment was to Bay of Islands for 12 months, four of which he was Supervising

Elder. He then laboured in Waikato District for 15 months in Matamata and Pukekohe where he worked with the Home Sunday School.

His article in the *Te Karere* this month expresses his testimony of the Gospel and joy found through service to others.

His plans for the future are to attend school or work on the farm.

From Springville, Utah, came ELDER O. DARWIN OLSEN, arriving March 5, 1955. Prior to his mission he attended Brigham Young University studying chemical engineering. After his five-week College assignment, he was assigned to Timaru, Otago District, for two months. He was then transferred to Invercargill for eight months where he and Elder Harper set up a "Neighbourhood Sunday School," the first in years in that area. He also laboured in Auckland and completed his mission in King Country, serving as District Secretary for four months and the District President for one year.

All those working with him have appreciated his leadership and fine testimony of the Gospel.

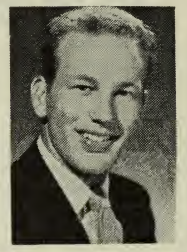
In leaving he said, "I have met the best people in the world and I pray God's choicest blessings upon them always. Kia Mara and Kuru Pia.

Arriving September 16th on the *Orion* were five Zion Elders. They will be introduced in the November issue of the *Te Karere.*

Elder Buss expressed a *theme for life* appropriate for all *Here and There in the Mission*:

"For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father."

—Mosiah 3:19.



Elder Olsen

TRANSFERS . . .

ELDER ROY B. THOMPSON and ELDER ROBERT W. RUFFELL from Bay of Islands to Whangarei.

ELDER GLEN L. EDWARD from Waikato District to Mahia District with Elder James C. Phillips.

ELDER E. LEE KAUFMAN from Taranaki District to King Country District as Supervising Elder with Elder Murrel K. Runnels.

SISTER BARBARA BROADWATER from Auckland District to Wellington District with Sister Louise Schaumkel.

SISTER VERNA DAVIS from Wellington District to Auckland District with Sister June Cotter.

ELDER DAVID S. MOODY from Poverty Bay District to Wellington District with Elder Page Dimond.

ELDER W. RANDELL MEEKS from Waikato District to Poverty Bay District with Elder Donald W. Reed.

ELDER RONALD D. BINGHAM from Manawatu District to Otago District with Elder James E. Rice.

Priesthood Page

PRIESTHOOD is the authority given to men to act for God. Its purpose it to bring about the exaltation of His children. To assist in this great enterprise, God has established an organization upon the earth called the *Church*, and certain men appointed to serve therein are given authority from God.

The problems involved in the work of the Church are varied and sometimes complicated. Therefore, the actual work of the members of the Priesthood has been divided into many specialized functions. Assignments are given, including the responsibility to teach, train, supervise, and administer the ordinances of the Gospel. There is also the responsibility to minister in various temporal affairs, including care for the needy and the sick. There are dozens of other duties and responsibilities involving the work of the missions, the temples, and the actual administration and operation of the many departments of the Church.

The very idea of "acting for God" carries with it the compelling thought that His work must be properly and effectively done. The need for efficiency is emphasized by the overwhelming importance of the work itself. The very salvation of mankind depends upon it.

The responsibility for this great undertaking is divided into specific assignments and delegated to men. This division and delegation make possible a greater degree of specialization and skill. The actual work of salvation covers many different functions, including that of prophet, administrator, judge, teacher, parent, priest, adviser, human relations expert, planner, builder, executive, missionary. It is comparatively simple to confer authority upon an individual for a given assignment, but it is far more difficult to develop the ability, the know-how, the enthusiasm, and the industry to make the authority effective.

As important as authority itself is, it is not enough. The organization must also have functional efficiency. A doctor may be given authority to perform some important surgery, but if he does not have the necessary knowledge, skill, equipment, and control, he may actually do harm and fail completely in the purpose for which the authority was granted. One may be given the authority to act for his government or his business. But in addition to the authority, he needs certain capabilities and knowledge of procedures. This often involves years of study, training, and the ability to work with others, before he can use his authority for a maximum of accomplishment.

This is even more important for us who bear divine authority. Divine authority includes divine responsibility. We officially become our brother's keeper. The work of salvation is the most important enterprise ever undertaken upon the earth. Naturally the greater the importance of the undertaking, the greater is the reward for success, and the more serious are the consequences of failure.

This truth has been pointed out many times. Jesus said, "If ye labour all your days in my serevice and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in

the kingdom of my Father." (See D. & C. 18:15.) But on the other hand, a breach of trust, disobedience, incompetence, sin, or lack of industry, are indulged in at the peril of our own salvation.

Irresponsibility or mismanagement of a financial assignment may cause a business to fail with great financial loss for those concerned. What would be your attitude toward one who had authority to act for you, if his irresponsibility or incompetence caused you a loss of £300 each month? How do you think God will view our stewardship if some of His children lose their exaltation because of some spiritual malfeasance in office on our part?

We should always keep in mind the divine responsibility part of our divine authority. President John Taylor once said, "If you do not magnify your calling, God will hold you responsible for those you might have saved had you done your duty." We should understand this in advance. It is just a little bit startling to realize that we may be found guilty of all the good we don't do. One of the most bitter denunciations ever uttered by Jesus was poured over the head of one who hid his talents in the ground. The Lord said to him, "Thou wicked and slothful servant." (Matt. 25-26.)

Sloth is just one of the serious offences that may be committed almost unwittingly. We may fail in His work because we don't "plan" adequately or "prepare" sufficiently or "work" effectively. When we analyze the cause of failure, we usually find that in almost all cases, it could have been prevented.

Because of the overwhelming importance of our Church work, it becomes the most vital thing in our lives, to learn to do it with effectiveness and skill. The Lord Himself has given one of the greatest and simplest of all success formulas which, if followed, will almost guarantee success. He said,

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand. (D. & C. 107:99-100.)

Think how important each part of the formula is: (1) We should know our job. (2) We should work at it "diligently." (3) We should understand in advance the awful consequences of failure.

To help us understand our situation, suppose we think of ten men holding the same office in the Priesthood. Each is given the same kind of Church assignment, either as a missionary, a leader with administrative responsibility, or a trainer of other workers, etc. If the effectiveness of each of these were charted on a percentage scale, the scores may vary from near zero up to near one hundred percent.

Take Aaronic Priesthood work as an example. One ward may have eighty percent of all members getting individual awards; another may have twenty percent. The second ward loses sixty more boys out of one hundred. Who is going to accept responsibility? Are we prepared to do so? When the reason for such failure is determined, it is usually found that someone had not taken the time to "learn his duty" or did not act "with all diligence."

How many of us may be actually showing ourselves "not approved" before God? Some have the authority to "act" in the name of God, but don't. We sometimes practice too much "verbal Christianity," mentioned by James. Someone said, "Depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled" but then let it go at that. "Faith without works is dead." (James 2:20.) But of what value is authority without works?

The religion of Christ is not merely an idea; it is an activity; and eternal life depends upon how effective the activity is. In our own interests we must know our business, and then we must do it diligently. Mere goodness is not enough; we must have strength. Belief is not enough; we must have know-how. "Even the devils believe."

Authority by itself is not enough; we must have accomplishment.

Jesus said to us, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48.) That is a big order. We cannot imagine God our Father as being ineffective and lacking in ability or skill. If we want to be like Him, we must follow His formula. There must be a success worthy of the authority.

The one business of life is to succeed. We are not placed here to waste our lives in failure. The greatest tragedy in the world is not the devastation that goes with war; nor is it the cost that goes with crime; nor is it both of these put together. The greatest tragedy in the world is that human beings, you and I, live so far below the level of our possibilities.

This tragedy becomes far worse if we fail God by the non-use of the powers and instructions placed in our hands. An officer of the law may be given authority, but we would not keep him on the "approved" list very long if he were unable to maintain order. What will be our situation if we prove ourselves "unapproved" and "unworthy to stand?"

The Lord has said a good deal in the Scriptures about increasing our talents. He has said we should "study and show ourselves approved unto God." He has emphasized the need for good organization. He has indicated the importance of good human relations and leadership and teaching ability. In the parable of the lost sheep, He taught the necessity for aggressive, personal, individual work.

It is clear that men should not assume to administer in the ordinances of the Gospel without His authority; but neither should we undertake to minister in His name without a willingness to accept full responsibility and make adequate preparation, all obedient to that great revelation that we "should do many things of our own free will to bring to pass much righteousness." One of our great opportunities is to give thoughtful consideration to the functional or operational aspects of the authority we bear.

Improvement Era,
February, 1957.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

SOMEONE once said, "In all departments of activity to have a job to do and then to do it is the secret of success." How true that statement is as it applies to us as members of the Aaronic Priesthood, and as members of the Church in general. Each one of us have been given, by commandment from God, certain responsibilities to fulfill in order to be a good Deacon, Teacher, or Priest.

Why should we strive to fulfill our callings in the Aaronic Priesthood? Because the Lord has commanded, "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence." (Doctrine & Covenants 107:99.) Through learning our duties in the Priesthood and then executing those responsibilities we are grounding ourselves in one of the greatest principles of progression that God has given us and that is the principle of *Work*. We need to learn this principle while we are young and there is no better place to learn and practice it than in Church through our Priesthood activities. Work in the Church is the most important work there is.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States, made this statement regarding work and juvenile delinquency: "The challenge of a job carries with it the challenge of responsibility. Great numbers of youngsters feel their first thrill of independence and the corresponding first weight of responsibility developing out of

household chores in the home or paid part-time work outside the home. The value of either is not to be measured solely in the fact that time consumed in discharging attendant duties cannot be devoted to mischievous pursuits. Rather it is that in the course of such experiences character is developed and the work habits of a life-time are formed."

By being active in our Priesthood work as young men, we are forming work habits that should exist with us throughout eternity. There can be no greater happiness gained than the joy that comes through obedience to the commandments of God in the fulfilling of our Priesthood assignments. If we keep in mind that by fulfilling our assignments we are building up God's Kingdom on earth and that we are a part of that Kingdom, our duties will have more meaning to us.

We should always strive to be keenly aware of who we are and of the Priesthood we hold. We can only do this by being humble and prayerful, by persistently studying the Scriptures wherein are found the specific assignments that apply to our callings, and by continually asking ourselves, "Am I doing my best to perform these duties? What are the things which I can improve upon?" If we do this each day we will find new horizons, new challenges and greater happiness and the eternal principle of *Work* will become a part of us.

1957 HUI TAU ACCOUNT

We are presenting here the Hui Tau account given by the Executive Committee to the Hui Tau Board on August 31, 1957.

There were many people at the Conference who did not purchase Kai tickets. This accounts for the very low balance in the Hui Tau account.

RECEIPTS:				EXPENDITURE:			
Sale of Tickets	£2,315	5	0	Expenditure to Date....	£4,379	4	11
Sale of Programmes....	32	11	0	Profit	751	3	11
Concert Tickets	123	15	0				
Gold and Green Ball Tickets	50	6	0				
Canteen Proceeds	1,757	0	2				
District Payments met which were outstanding from last year.....	123	14	10				
Donations, Sales of Food, Payments through Mission Accounts still Owing	580	10	8				
	£5,130	8	10		£5,130	8	10

Of the £580/10/8 which was owing to the Board, £451/19/6 was for food that was handed over to the College project at the close of Hui Tau and at the Board meeting it was agreed that the two South Island districts which did not have tables should be credited with £10 each from this amount and that the balance should be divided between the other districts on a "table" basis (i.e., between 20 tables). When this is done the profit from 1957 Hui Tau will be reduced to £299/4/5. This means that there will be no hope of building the very much needed store house this year.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

OUR STANDARD
FOR OCTOBER

Love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth . . . knoweth God. (1 John 4:7.)

Illustration in June *Children's Friend.*

LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 163: Sunshine.
2nd Week, Page 169: Birds.
3rd Week, Page 183: Taking Turns.
4th Week, Page 187: Sharing.

With all the beautiful weather that is approaching make the children realize that the sun is beneficial to our health and growing children need plenty of it. Explain that too much can be dangerous and stress the eneed of hats in the summer.

For the second week have your lessons well prepared so the children realize the birds are gifts from our Heavenly Father, and we should refrain from robbing them. It is our duty as parents and teachers to teach the children if they want to have friends; they must be willing to share together and take turns when playing their games and not be selfish.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 187: Rhythm Fun.
2nd Week, Page 196: Our Pioneers.
3rd Week, Page 205: Around the Block Parade.
4th Week, Page 207: Pioneer Dancing.

Now is the time for your Hui Pariha second round, and much preparation has to be done, especially Handwork and Dancing for your activities. You may change these lessons to suit your preparation. Some may have changed their last month's lessons, so they will need to catch up this month. In your changes and preparation we want you to watch your book as there are very important lessons at the end for your pilot flight test, and also the Christmas Lessons early in the book that we saved to have at the right time. If you are mindful of these, and watch carefullyI think all can be worked in very satisfactorily.

Trailbuilder Lessons for November:

1st Week: Patriotic Fundalay.
2nd Week: Living What We Learn.
3rd Week: Early Bird Breakfast.
4th Week, Page 77: Trail of Service.

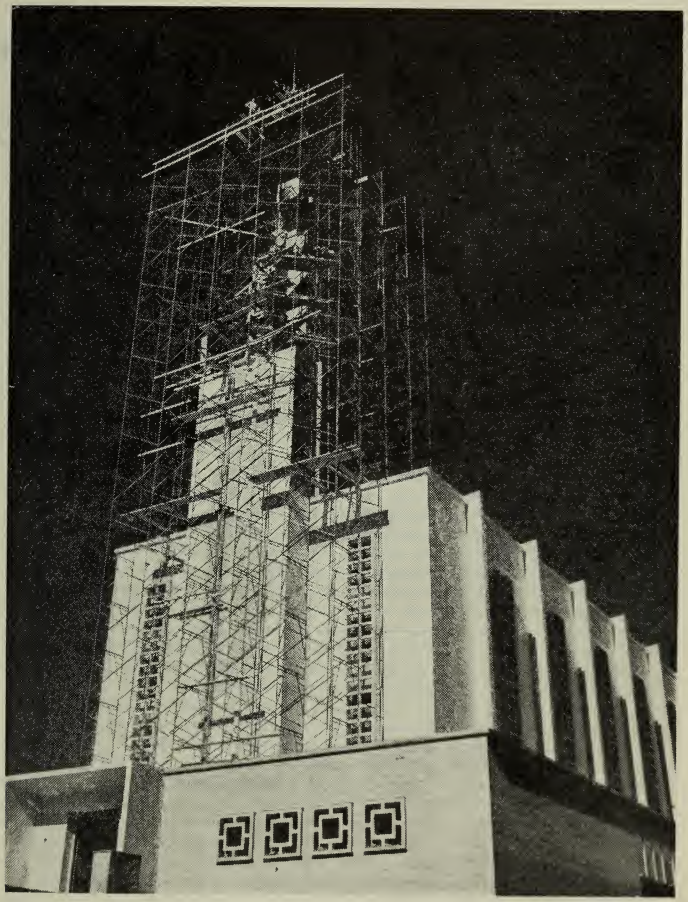
The first week we will leave entirely to you as there will be a lot of adapting to be done to the programme for your Primary. Remember the purpose is to celebrate the beginning of the Trailbuilder Programme in 1925, and use this as a guide. The second week the objective is *Service.* Prepare ahead for your Early Bird Breakfast and do hold it if possible. The boys will love it and gain much if it is well organized. Don't forget to have the permission of the boys' parents. Instead of beginning your new handwork the last week, use it to begin the Christmas Trail of Service on Page 77, as you will probably need two weeks for this activity.

Homebuilders/Seagulls:

Refer to your September *Te Karere* for your Instructions. Study those lessons you didn't have last month. We hope you and your girls enjoy their handwork and outdoor activities.

SECRETARIES:

District Secretaries, we are most grateful for your promptness, neatness and accuracy in compiling and mailing your reports. There are still a few Branch Secretaries who are slow in getting them in, therefore miss on the District and Mission Report. Hurry along, Branch Secretaries. We are counting on you to keep our Zion Report 100%.



"Come all ye unto the House of The Lord"

The Crossroads of

" . . . and all nations shall flow unto it. ye, and let us go up to the mountain of t and He will teach us of His ways and we

FROM Australia they come, from North Island, South Island, Tahiti, Fiji, the Central Pacific, United States, Canada and even India, France, England, Switzerland, Hungary and many other far-away places and from all walks of life. In one week more than 1375 people from all parts of the world came in bus and car loads to the green hills of Waikato and the "Mormon" College and Temple project there. Many of them come every day to observe the remarkable building in progress; some to learn the truth of the stories of the "Mormons" and some because they have been told that this is a place no one should miss. All are surprised at what they find in this one-time swamp land.

To handle the growing visitor situation a committee of seven Labour Missionaries has organized teams of guides from the project personnel to serve the heavy week-end "traffic." On September the 8th this year, there were 802 people taken on tour of the College buildings, machinery and Temple grounds. Quite an invasion for one day! It has been said that this project is the best visual aid on this side of the world for showing the Gospel in action. How true this is and what a colossal picture of organization, sacrifice and faith spreads across these 1400 acres.

When a visitor drives in front of the Matthew Cowley Building he is introduced to the person who will be his guide for the next hour and a half. He or she may be either a Labour Missionary, local member, or one of the two proselyting Missionaries now serving as full-time guides. During a tour the guide will have opportunities to explain some of the beautiful Gospel teachings and somewhere he will be able to bear his testimony to the restoration of the true Church of Jesus Christ, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, in these last days. The buildings, the reclaimed land, the devotion of the workers and the atmosphere seem to lend a positive assurance that this is something truly inspired; something worthy of consideration by any thinking individual. So many people plan only to stay a few minutes and remain for nearly two hours, and then come back again and again with visiting relatives or holiday guests.

As the impressive glass doors are opened for our guests, they almost immediately feel welcome; partly due to the comforting warmth of central heating and partly to the open aspect afforded by glass and shining green tile everywhere. A visit to the administration building may acquaint the tourist with the policies and procedures of the College and its staff and the requirements of prospective students. Here our friends learn the ever-astonishoing fact that what they are to see is being built by donated and largely unskilled labour. "You mean to say that the 290 men do all this work without pay! Unbelievable in this day and age, unbelievable. This fine building with its lovely pink tiles, deep mirrors and beautifully painted brick built by unskilled labour?" These are remarks we hear. The classrooms delight both parent and student with their sun-splashed interiors; the cheery, yellow formica table-tops contrasting smartly with fresh, green walls. Here the youth will be taught, not only those things that will make them leaders in their chosen fields, but treasures of knowledge that will remain with them forever. Truly, *"The glory of God is intelligence."*

The massive David O. McKay Building with its size, facilities and versatility never fails to leave the visitor speechless. The cafeteria, auditorium, gymnasium and swimming pool all bespeak thoughtful planning and hard, careful work. The fact that this

the South Pacific

nd many people shall go and say, Come Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; ll walk in His paths . . . "

Church is interested in its members' material and physical welfare as well as the spiritual becomes a dominant motive during the entire visit. The Word of Wisdom and its benefits are carefully explained and sometimes really underlined when, on leaving the gym, a party sees a group of young men hard at work using the strength that comes from living this commandment of the Lord.

"Where does the money come from?" is the question most usually asked. As the group drives past the joinery, the garage with its rows of big, green trucks, the camp area, the motels and up Temple Hill the guide will explain that we are enjoying the benefits of the Lord's own finance system, which is tithing. And the guide further explains that Latter-day Saints from New Zealand, America, Samoa and other areas are giving freely of their time and talents, as evidence of their faith in this expanding organization. The devotion of the New Zealand Church membership is further evidenced in their effort to provide the sustenance for all the local Missionaries. The New Zealand Saints supply, in addition to their tithes, well over £17,000 a year for food and pocket money. Visiting churchmen always admire and are sometimes quite envious of such a plan. "I wish I could get my people to do that," one minister remarked.

The Temple seems to reach into the soul of each admirer and tells its own story. Guides have found that many times one doesn't have to mention to the visitors that this is our most sacred structure. They feel it as they stand looking at the clean lines of the building with its majestic tower reaching upward, ever upward; the needle-like spire pointing to the heavens. Due to the interior finishing work now begun, the Temple has been closed to the public possibly until its completion. A member of the Church would be thrilled to stand with one of the many groups gathered about the Temple steps on a Sunday as a young guide explains briefly the eternal concept of this building's purpose and to listen as he bears testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel teachings; each in his own way, maybe falteringly sometimes, but nevertheless sincere and humble. "In the Temple are taught the purpose of life, where we came from and where we go after earth life. Eternity means exactly what it says; not only that we live after death but that we lived before we were born. As spirit children of our Father in Heaven, we lived a pre-mortal existence in the presence of God. In the life hereafter we shall be tangible persons. Our spirit will be re-united with our physical body which will then be perfected and immortalized. With endless possibilities for growth and progress we will know each other as friends and relatives. In order for us to be together with our families, says the guide, "we must be married in a Temple by the authority of God's Priesthood, for time and eternity—for this life and everlasting life."

At the end of a tour the visitors are invited to take some of the interesting pamphlets explaining more Church teachings and to sign the guest books, which are filled with adjectives such as "magnificent," "unforgettable," "inspiring," "an eye-opener." One man wrote "My eighth time and by no means my last." Letters have been received full of appreciation for inspiration gained from such a visit. Any guide could relate heart-stirring and faith-promoting stories from the experience gained through the wonderful missionary opportunity afforded by the College guide programme . . . *" . . . and all nations shall flow unto it."*

The N.Z. Temple majestically dominates the Waikato horizon.

TRAVELLING SOUTH ON TUHIKARAMEA ROAD, the construction project of the New Zealand Church College and Temple can be viewed. The first imprint on a person's mind is the impressive structure of the David O. McKay Building standing majestically with the College Buildings surrounding it. As we round a bend in the road we can see more clearly the white College Buildings—the Dormitories, the Matthew Cowley Administration Building—standing at the head of a row of five Classroom Blocks, and the green, rolling lawns of the College. We raise our eyes to view the surrounding countryside, our vision resting upon a beautiful Temple erected as a place of worship and praise to our Heavenly Father.

PROGRESS:

The David O. McKay Building, the recreation centre, is progressing rapidly and the crew of 20 men are putting forth their best efforts to have it completed on time. With additional manpower from district men and under the leadership of Elder Brown, the building will be completed in record time. The chapel and auditorium walls are up and the roof is on. The men are now working on the front entrance. The swimming pool is walled up and roofed over and is ready for the boys to pour the concrete.

The Boys' Dormitories and the Classroom Buildings are three-fourths completed with most of the painting and finishing woodwork done; however, the finishing carpentry and paint crews are working to complete these two jobs.

Our "businesses" here on the grounds have been very busy meeting the needs and demands of the construction work. The Timber Mill in Kaikohe and the Timber Treatment Plant at the College work constantly to supply enough timber to the Joinery for all the rough construction work, and now the finishing woodwork. The demand on the Block Plant has lessened, as far as the College Buildings and Temple is concerned, but the Plant is still supplying blocks for the New Mission Home in Auckland and for construction projects in Tonga and Samoa. Shortly they will be supplying them for the Headmaster's new home.

Drawing near the gateway of the Temple, we see the Bureau of Information construction is keeping pace with the rest of the project. Elder Lamper's construction crew has moved across the road to begin the Headmaster's home. The sheet metal work for the air conditioning and heating is being done in the Bureau. They are ready for the completion of the metal lathing so the plastering can begin.

As we move up the hill we come across Joe MacDonald on his "cat" along with Elder Kokohnen from Kaikohe. They are preparing the Temple

Hill for landscaping. Also in line with the landscaping, the Temple crew is working on the exterior concrete work. The retaining walls, footpaths, and the wall enclosing the formal gardens are under construction.

A month ago the bronze spire on the Temple Tower was erected and the "sparkies" are now busy preparing the outside lighting of the Temple which will light the tower and spire. Congratulations to the paint crew for the Temple painting being completed except for the lower portion of the tower and the base of the building. By the time this article has gone to press, the rest of the tower will be painted and all the scaffolding taken down.

Walking inside the Temple we see the plastering progress and some actual walls take shape. The plastering will be completed within the next sixty days and the paint crew will then have their chance to illustrate their talents. To see the tiling and erected baptismal font evidences the speed with which this project is coming to completion. The new aluminium windows have arrived and will be installed shortly in the first floor. The carpeting for the Temple is being manufactured in New Zealand, and the contract for the special furniture to be used in the Temple has been let to a New Zealand firm. All the kitchen equipment (stainless steel) for the Temple and David O. McKay Buildings has been ordered.

The Temple is an awe-inspiring sight. To see the tower and spire standing so straight and firm, reaching to the Heavens with its beauty, lends strength to the soul.

Here on the project we are learning every day, not only in the physical aspect of building, but the building of our spiritual selves. As we work together laying foundations, putting up walls and roofing over, we are laying foundations for our testimonies, building up strength and character, and roofing it over with the faith, love and happiness of service to God and man. We may stumble, but there is always someone to help us along the path which we KNOW to be true and right.

We as Latter-daiy Saints can be thankful for the opportunity we have had to erect such a place to give praise and thanksgiving to our Maker and go forth and do that work which is required of us on earth.

Without the constant, continued and united effort of ALL the members of the Church in New Zealand, this tremendous task would have been impossible. Their faith in the Mission of our Prophet and their willingness to serve the Lord are being evidenced daily by their sincere efforts to give full and unqualified support to this project.

—By FERN LYMAN.

The N.Z. College of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from Temple Hill

New Headmaster Formulating Plans for College

DR. CLIFTON D. BOYACK, headmaster of the New Zealand College of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, arrived in New Zealand August 31st, 1957. He has assumed his post at the College in Frankton and is currently formulating definite plans for the organization of our school.

Elder Wendell B. Mendenhall, chairman of the Pacific Board of Education, together with Elder Owen J. Cook, secretary of the Board, will arrive here in October as part of a tour of all South Pacific schools. This board works directly under the First Presidency in supervising Church schools in the Islands and New Zealand. Elder Mendenhall and Elder Cook will assist Dr. Boyack in organizing the curriculum, setting up tuition and costs, selecting the faculty, and in deciding other important matters relative to our school.

With the climax of the College building project, the faith and sacrifices of the builders will be realized and rewarded in the tremendous opportunities for spiritual growth which the College will present for our young people. The spiritual and educational goals so successfully achieved at the old M.A.C. will be an integral part of the fundamental programme of the new school. The major objective, providing opportunities to learn the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to practice its teachings under the guidance of spiritual men and women with firm testimonies of the Gospel, will be realized.

We are grateful to have Dr. Boyack with us and offer the unqualified support of the people of New Zealand to assist him in attaining the highest possible goals for our New Zealand College.

Do all the good you can to all the people you can in all the ways you can as long as you can.

Sunday School

JUST about every Sunday School in the Church is confronted with problems that often hinder, and sometimes retard progress. Probably the greatest single problem there is throughout the Church is that of officers and teachers failing to realize their duties or just ignoring them. When we first undertake a position in the Sunday School many of us do so with a good deal of enthusiasm; however, sometimes the enthusiasm is lost or the conviction of the work wanes.

This has always been a major problem in the Church, not only in the Sunday School but in all phases of Church work. A good example of loss of enthusiasm and conviction is found in the Children of Israel shortly after they came out of bondage:

And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.—Exodus 24:3.

But when Moses left them for a while look what happened:

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron and said unto him, Up, make us gods which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden ear-rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

—Exodus 32:1-2.

Here is an instance of a people who were not thoroughly grounded in the obligations that were theirs, so when the trial came, they fell away. There are many other examples where pride and rebelliousness is the reason people become lax in their responsibility. Whatever the reason is, in each case it must be eliminated if progress is to be made. One of the most difficult tests for courage is found in the way a person carries out his assigned duties.

The Lord has told us to *always magnify* our calling; not just to go mechanically about our tasks but to enlarge upon them. There are some people that insist they have done their job and there is nothing more to do for the time being. There are others that no matter how much they have done and no matter how much they are ahead in their work, they always come up with something new to improve their performance and enhance their calling. The extent that we use our intellectual, creative power to *magnify* our calling when we are under no obligation or pressure to do so, reveals the strength of our character and the depth of our testimony of Jesus Christ.

The work of teaching the Gospel in this dispensation must go on. Therefore let us learn all we possibly can about our position in the Sunday School and then strive with all our hearts to fulfill the great obligation that has been placed on us. We must never treat any assignment, large or small, with lightness or with a spirit of indifference.

SACRAMENT GEM

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Luke 4:8.

Genealogy

THE past three months 807 "Family Group Sheets" have been forwarded to Salt Lake City for clearance. Besides the sheets for the dead, there are many sheets for the living which are held here in the office. This is a wonderful effort and we commend you for it. We trust that many more will realize the necessity of this work and desire to do something about it. Once a person gets the desire and follows through with action, it is surprising how avenues open up. You try it and see.

Are you planning to hold a general "get together" before the Dedication of the Temple? Please report on any activities, and don't forget that picture and history of your organization.

We are happy to report two more "Family Organizations" making a grand total of 24.

The 23rd Family Organization was organized at Te Puna, Tauranga, on the 24th August, 1957, to be known as the *"Gilbert William Ormsby Family Organization."* The following officers were elected: President, William Ormsby; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Vice-Presidents respectively, Lambert Robert Ormsby, Eru Ormsby, Charles Ormsby, and Robert Paki Ormsby; Secretary and Treasurer, Sybil Maureene Steed; Family Representative and Genealogist, Clara Ellen Ormsby Hartley; Assistant Genealogists, Robert Paki Ormsby and Edna Ormsby Ahmu; Historian, Arnel Reed Ormsby; Assistant Historians, Eleanor Ormsby, Kuhu Ormsby, and Selina Ormsby. Total number of family members present was 38. Elder Hay was also present.

The *"Hemi Paki Family Organization"* is the 24th Family Organization, and was organized at the Edwards' Residence on 3rd Angnst, 1957. The following members were elected to office: President, Ngatihine Mark; Vice-President, Tangihaere Paki; Secretary and Treasurer, Riripeti Hera Joyce; Genealogist and Family Representative, William Paki. Each member was asked to take part in the Social Activities to be directed by the standing Presidency. The next gathering is to be held the end of January at Edward Paki's home.

Brother Peter Bryers of Whangarei asked that the following notice be included in this publication. In doing so we ask all relations to make a note of the time and place and make a special effort to be present. These gatherings are very memorable occasions and we wish your organization a very happy time together.

THE FAMILY REUNION of the HOHEPA HEPERI and RAUPIA PATUONE ORGANIZATION will be held at Waihou Branch, Bay of Islands, on Labour Week-end. Commencing Saturday morning, 26th October, and carrying through to Monday night, 28th October, 1957.

Special welcome to all relatives in the South Island, Wanganui, Hawkes Bay, King Country, East Coast, Hauraki, Auckland, Whangarei and Bay of Islands. Haere mai, Haere mai, kia kite tatou ia tatou, kia korero, tahi kia tatou, ara kia kai tahi, kia mahi tahi, kia noho tahi, kia hari tahi. Haere mai mamia mai. Nga mahi whakapapa.

Na Te Komiti.

Hohepa Heperi, President.

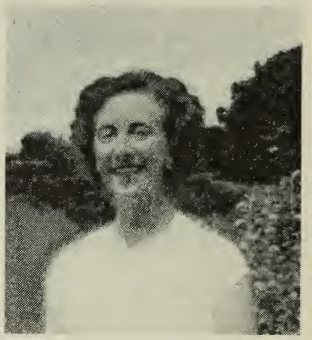
FOUND: A Golden Gleaner Pin in Auckland District. We desire to return it to the rightful owner. Please write to Mission MIA Office, Box 72, Auckland.

Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

MANY are the true and steadfast sisters of this mission. We are happy to introduce one of them to you—SISTER AIRLIE EAGLE, of the Auckland District, who has been called to the office of New Zealand Mission Relief Society Historian.

Sister Eagle has been a faithful member of the Church for over twenty years and in that time has served as a teacher in the Sunday School and president of the Auckland Branch Relief Society. Because of her wonderful testimony of the Gospel, and love of Church work, Sister Eagle is willing to dedicate her time and talents to the work of the Lord. God bless you, Sister Eagle.



ALWAYS BE FRIENDLY . . .

A young society matron leading a busy social round with many friends in her circle, was one day disturbed in the thoughts of her day's activities by a knock at the door. To her answer were two Latter-day Saint missionaries in the course of their proselyting work. On her invitation they went inside and began to explain the Gospel plan. She was doubtful, but interested, so invited them to call again.

This Gospel, she felt, was what she had been waiting for; but there was her husband who was not the least inclined, and could she give up the life she had been used to, and her friends? Could she deny herself all this and really accept this religion? In the course of time she visited at a Sacrament service and found to her delight that the small congregation of people were overwhelmingly friendly. The final doubt that was in her mind about loss of friends was wiped out and after baptism she became "part" of the branch and its people. She was kept busy and in no way missed her former life and friends. Shortly after, the occasion arose and the family moved to a larger branch. Here she found everyone so busy and preoccupied that no one even appeared to notice her. After several visits to Church she became increasingly lonely until, suddenly, she wasn't at Church at all.

With "converts" this could so easily happen, until *conditioned* to people and surroundings. So to the Relief Society sisters of the Mission, let us carry our idea from the "nutshell" . . . "Always be friendly, an understanding heart and a warm handshake beyond the four walls of a Relief Society meeting to *all* Church meetings and functions. In this way, you can be certain of truly helping a sister such as this one to feel *wanted* and a *part of us.*"

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR Co-Workers,

We wish to suggest to you and particularly the activity people the organization of activities before Mutual or after the class project period at 9 p.m. This would be each class or the combination of all classes for some kind of activity until 9:30 p.m. when the special rehearsals finish.

We also want to make it clear that the only persons dismissed at 8:40 are those who participate in the Special Rehearsal until 9:30 p.m. The remainder remain *in class* until 9:00 p.m.

We are most happy to know of several activities and also Green and Gold Balls that have been held in the Branches and Districts. They were very successful both in attendance and participation.

MIA READING COURSE

It is hoped that during 1957-58 every member of the Church of Mutual age will prayerfully read, study and become well acquainted with the story and teachings of the Messiah. The book contains 793 pages of text and 42 chapters. To complete the book in the planned two-year period a person would need to average just over a page a day, seven and a half pages a week, or ten chapters each six months.

This wonderful book is *"Jesus The Christ"* by James E. Talmage. It is a study of the Messiah and his Mission according to the Holy Scriptures both ancient and modern. The message contained therein is important for *you!*

MIA MEMBERSHIP FEES 2/-

Are you a member of the MIA? If so, have you paid your fee?

2-DAY HUI PARIHA....IS HERE AGAIN....2-DAY HUI PARIHA

Is your MIA Hui Pariha Programme ready?? We sincerely hope you are taking the opportunity in your Branches and Districts week by week of practicing your numbers so you will be prepared for the presentation of your programme.

Sincerely, P.P.

Mission Supply Requests:

The support of ALL individuals (including missionaries) ordering through the Mission Supply Office for ANY materials—for branch, district, or private use.

All Mission Supply orders are to be obtained through the use of a special requisition. This requisition has been supplied to all District Presidents, who in turn supplied them to the branches. (Those NOT associated with any branch may send directly to Mission Office for these forms.) People wanting books or other supplies should obtain a requisition form from either the District or Branch President.

Featuring the Districts

WHANGAREI DISTRICT

With our Hui Pariha there were a number of changes both in Priesthood ordinations and district officers.

After many years of service as district music director, Brother Hetaraka Anaru has been released and he is replaced by a music committee consisting of Sisters Priscilla Davis, Valerie Jones, Velma Going and Juliette Pita.

Sister Rangi Tahere replaces Sister Jean Wihongi as counsellor in the District Primary. Brother Komene Tairua is a counsellor in the District Sunday School with Brother Ray Going and Brother Wharepapa Paratene as board members. Brother Don Mason was set apart as 2nd counsellor in the 4th Elders' Quorum. The Hui was well attended with about 350 members attending each of the Sunday meetings.

On the preceding Saturday of the Hui, President Ballif performed a wedding ceremony at Otiria. The young couple were Brother Sam Armstrong of Pipiwai and Sister Rebecca (Sue) Brown of Otiria. Best wishes!

It was good to see some of our College personnel up for the Hui weekend and we send our greetings to all on the College staff.

The 'flu invasion has been quite prevalent throughout the district and made it necessary to cancel the Hikurangi Hui Peka. The Punuruku Branch Hui Peka was held on Sunday, September 8th, with an attendance of 50 at Sunday School and 48 in the afternoon.

Maromaku Branch:

Despite the 'flu, which necessitated cancelling all Church meetings on September 1st, we are on top again and almost fully recovered. Primary has been busy this month with their Sunday programme and birthday party, both being very successful.

The Primary enrollment is 12 members, 8 non-members and it was good to see the parents of the non-members along to witness the Sunday programme.

Blessings: September 8, daughter of Brother and Sister George Going; name, Pamela Joy.

Priesthood ordinations: Advanced to Elders, Brother James Murray, Hemi T. Paewhenua, Mervyn J. Going, George S. Going. Priests: Walter George Pita, Frank M. Tahere, Snr., Nephi Hoterene. Teachers: Eugene B. Waltford, Reremoana R. Pekama. Deacons: Neville Beckham, Edward Anderson, Aperira Unuwai.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Doug Williams

Greetings. As news is short this month from the two Auckland Branches, we are giving this space over to the Tamaki Branch to report on their opening.

Tamaki Branch:

Sunday, September 1st, heralded the opening of our lovely Chapel after two years of wholehearted endeavour. Total expenditure could be £21,000. Of this amount, the section cost £1,500; construction approximately £17,000 and the reminder for fittings and furnishings. Tamaki members have to date contributed nearly £2,000 in cash and with the assistance of Auckland District members, over £2,000 in donated labour. Our grateful thanks are given these folk and our College missionaries for their efforts.

Present at the 1st General Session were President Ballif and District President Matthew Chote. It was at this session that Elder Biesinger reported the Chapel would cost approximately £2/10/- per square foot.

Service.—At the testimonial meeting held on opening day, three new members were confirmed. Sister Eileen Carter, Sister Susan Hogan, and Brother Dave Amy. Sister Delcie Godfrey and Brother Dereck Perdue have also been confirmed. During the same meeting President Ballif gave a name and a blessing to the child of Brother and Sister Young.

Of special interest are the ordinances received prior to the 1st General Session. Brother James Lynn Young, teacher; Brother Eric Norman Young, priest.

At the 2nd General Session the following MIA presentations were made by Sister Nancy Bratton: Jean Hogan, Golden Gleaner Award; Gloria Kelly, Mia Joy Award. After the 2nd Session a fireside chat was held in the recreation hall where the film on the Los Angeles Temple was shown.

Celebration week followed and began amid roars of laughter on Tuesday, 3rd September, when Sister Jocelyn Thompson was crowned "Queen of the Fair." Then there was the Relief Society's "Fun for the Family" night, the spotlight of the evening being the Bible cake and supper.

Climaxing the week was the Gold and Green Ball. Decorations were simple but very effective, comprising palms, jasmine filled hanging baskets and leis, fitting for the theme "Aloha Oe Club."

The floor shows were a solo hula by Sister Connie Taimana and a group hula by six girls from Auckland. We thank all who helped make this night one to be long remembered.

Congratulations to Sister Dorothy England who was baptized by and announced her engagement to George Dorrington, Mission MIA Director.

The Tamaki Branch pays tribute to the memory of Brother Tangatahira (Pet) Tarawa, 1st Counsellor of the Branch, who passed away on August 26th. A beautiful service was held in the nearly completed Chapel. Speakers included President Ariel S. Ballif, Brother Kelly Harris, Mission Music Director, and Brother Geoff Garlick, Tamaki Branch President.

PET—"There are many ways of remembering the names of great men. Some are carved on stone, others are written on the pages of books, but names of really great men are engraved in the hearts of men.

"It is not the name only that people revere, but rather it is the life, example and influence that person has on us that we remember.

"Our way of remembering Brother Pet Tarawa, his great faith, humility, patience and endurance, is by living up to those principles of the Gospel that he held precious, and that he so truthfully exemplified.

"Pet's name and exemplary life will long be remembered by the youth of the Church in New Zealand, because his ideals and aims are the ones that we young people have tried to uphold."

North Shore Branch:

Greetings! This month Marvin Butler, Jr., was set apart as group leader of the North Shore Elders in the No. 1 Quorum of Elders.

On August 7th the Relief Society was honoured by a visit from the District Relief Society Presidency represented by Sister Kewene and Sister Ihaka.

On Saturday, 10th, our Primary children attended the District Primary Birthday Party at the Chapel in Auckland.

A happy event in the branch this month was the baptism of Gray Desmond Jamieson, husband of Sister Ngaire Pamela Jamieson. Later their three children, Gray Stephen, Susan Kay and Paul George, were blessed by Elders Shy and Anderson. Another blessing was that of Alfred William Thomas Blair by Marvin Butler, Jr.

Sister Muriel Philip was released as Secretary of the Primary and Sister Ngaire Pamela Jamieson was sustained as a teacher in the Primary.

We are very sad at losing our two missionaries, Elder Anderson and

Elder Shy, who have been transferred to Mission Headquarters. They have been doing great work for the branch in bringing along many investigators to our meetings.

We were sorry to hear that Millicent Davie was taken to the hospital. We pray for her speedy recovery.

President Marquis received a welcome letter from Elder Ashman who played such a large part in forming our branch. He sent his good wishes to all on the 5th anniversary of our Sunday School.

On 1st September our evening service was cancelled to enable us to attend the opening service at the Tamaki Chapel.

MIA combined with Tamaki in the first Green and Gold Ball held in the lovely new recreation hall at Panmure. Though few were able to attend from this side of the water, those who did enjoyed a pleasant night with the Tamaki Saints.

Our family night evening service this month was taken by Brother Stan Philip and his family. The theme for the night was "Be Happy."

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

On August 15th Sister Martha Te Hira, Opotiki, received injuries when their car somersaulted down a steep bank in the Mamaku Hills. Apart from shock, no one else was hurt. Sister Te Hira is recovering well.

On August 18th the District Leadership Meeting was held in Rotorua with Brother Pera Tengaio presiding. The use of the blackboard, flannelgraph and display of handwork was excellent.

Very poor attendances at all Church meetings prevail throughout this area due to the influenza. Sisters Lucy Heke and Hoki Purcell, Taupo, are among the very ill. Brother George Chase has two grandchildren in the Rotorua Hospital. Brother Pat Rei stated that while many members are absent through sickness, new calls have been received for Priesthood blessings.

Brother John Hudson, Opotiki, spent a week working at the College.

Brother Wattie McKay has returned to his family in Whakatane after months of illness in Auckland.

Sister Becky Bird, who was visiting with friends in Rotorua, was a welcome visitor at two Sabbath Meetings on September 8th.

Elder Allen and Elder Wilkinson are doing good work in the Taupo-Tokoroa region.

The Health Germ Brigade is working overtime sending out Health Germs to all sick folk. Get well soon!

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MAHIA DISTRICT

By Riripeti Ataria

"Tena Koutou," College personnel and readers.

Leadership meeting conducted by District President Dave Smith was held August 25th. Instructions from President Ballif were read and discussed.

Preparations for Temple recommends were stressed by Brother William Christy in the Elders' Quorum meeting. In a meeting of Elders and their wives, Branch President James Brown exhorted the members to pay a full tithe and offerings and to have *Harmony in their Homes.*

The district genealogy committee visited Wairoa Branch twice. One night was a work meeting.

"Respect for our Leaders" was the keynote of the Primary programme. This was followed by a Primary birthday party held at the home of Sister Julie Hakopa where items were enjoyed.

Nuhaka Branch auxiliary meetings took place on Sunday, 8th.

The District Green and Gold Ball was held Friday, 6th September.

Sister Lena McLean received the award for the most progressive first year nursing student at a party given her by the Cook Hospital Staff, Gisborne.

Sister Mary Lewis, 2nd Counsellor of Nuhaka Relief Society, passed away September 3rd.

Congratulations extended to Brother Tinirau Solomon and Tom Whaanga (College) on their ordination to the higher Priesthood.

Correction: Error on Page 292 of the August edition. The organ was purchased by Frank Bodily who gave lessons to pupils in Nuhaka until his return as President of the Hawkes Bay District. To Elder Bodily the Branch is indebted for the organ.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

Greetings! Greetings! and once again we bring you the news and activities of the Bay.

Congratulations to Sister Marlene Kingi. On 21st August presentations were made to Sister Marlene for services as Junior Assistant Teacher for the past two years at the Te Hauke Maori School. Mr. Pat Donovan, Chairman of the School Committee, and Sister Ella Hawea, member of the Parent-Teacher Association, made the presentations. Sister Marlene will enter the Teachers' Training College at Wellington on 9th September, and we wish her the very best in furthering her chosen career.

The District MIA Presidency made award presentations to the following of the Hastings Branch:

Sister Wai P. Ruwhiu, silver gleaner; Sister Kathy Wales, individual award; Sister Hana Tahau, individual award; Sister Anzei Pere, individual award. Congratulations to these girls on their achievements.

Napier Branch Primary is in the limelight of Primary activities and achievements. Recognized by the Mission Board as the most progressive in the last quarter, also for 100% subscription to the *Children's Friend*, they were presented with the Primary Children's "Let Us Sing." District Primary President, Sister Mary Reid, made presentations to Sister Smaile, Napier Branch President.

Brother Peter Wairama was set apart as 1st counsellor in the Te Hauke Sunday School.

The Genealogy Programme sent out by the Mission Board was presented in all the Branches.

We congratulate Sister Tahau of Heretaunga Branch on her further achievements—this time in our city's activities.

Over the past six weeks the "Greater Hastings Committee" conducted a Queen Campaign to select a girl for Queen of this year's "Blossom Festival." Out of the 20 entrants, two were Latter-day Saints—Sister Hana and Sister Judy Swainson, Porirua Branch.

After three appearances and testing, the winning girl was crowned. She was Miss Shona McDonald, Sister Hana and Miss Francis Taylor being princesses.

The final night the Municipal Theatre was packed to capacity and the winners were greatly applauded.

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KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Ruby Hooper

The Otorohanga MIA gave a farewell party on September 7th for Elder Olsen who left for home on September 10th. At the same time they took the opportunity to welcome to the District Elder Kaufman

We welcome into the Church the following members who were baptized on the 8th of September:

Maanu Te Pauea Ngarotata Wooster, Margaret Rangi Pikitia Wooster, Pamela Rahapa Wooster, Derek Te Kotuku Wooster, Nathan Te Kare, Tariki Te Kare Davis, and Tepaea Kingi Newton. Gloria Wera Te Huia was blessed by Elder Darwin Olsen.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Delia Steele

The month of August brought great activity to Tamaki, and the Primary conducted a lovely Sunday evening programme on the 14th. Emily and Acroma Nikora and Roland Harris are to be congratulated on their Primary graduation. The Tamaki-Dannevirke Primaries combined for a successful Birthday Party of fun, games and prizes topped off with all the eats a child dreams of. Congratulation also to Sister Ivory Meha who is now a counsellor in the District Primary.

The Relief Society held a successful Shop Day which brought in £40. This fund is going towards our College Missionaries. They also participated in the Decorated Table Display from 14-17th August in aid of Dr. Barnado's Home and were voted one of the six best tables. Maori items were presented by the MIA group to Mrs. Holland, wife of the Prime Minister. Mrs. Holland officially opened the display. The Mayor of Dannevirke was grateful for the assistance and help our Church organizations gave.

On the 17th August the MIA held a local Indoor Basketball Tournament challenging the rest of the District, Hawkes Bay and Wellington. It was a great success with the District Elders winning all their games. Thanks to Hawkes Bay for attending and joining in. The evening was concluded with a Rock n' Roll dance for the young people.

Indoor basketball has been the foreground in the MIA. Congratulations go to the Young Men and Women who won the Knockout Competition on 10th September. Both teams being undefeated came through with flying colours. The YWMIA were fortunate in being joint holders of the 1957 Competition Cup and the YM were runners-up in the 1957 Cup.

In the Sunday School we thank Brother Arthur Nikora for the work he has done. Brother Raharuhi Thompson is now the 1st Assistant.

We send health germs to Sister Daphne Nikora who has been in Hospital; also Sister Moana Manihera.

The Manawatu Evening Standard reports Brother Taylor Mihaere has been appointed as a J.P. He is the first Maori to be so appointed in Dannevirke and District.

On 23rd August the Gold and Green Ball was held in Palmerston North. This was a district function and very well attended by members of the Church. Brother Ric and Sister Delia Steele were host and hostess together with Brother Doug and Sister Mihi Strother.

The one-day Hui Pariha held in Palmerston North was well attended by Tamaki, Levin and Feilding members. On Saturday evening there was a meeting of the Priesthood members and their wives. Great food for thought was given by the various speakers as was the case throughout the Hui.

We are happy to report that Brother Ric Steele has been sustained as President of the Manawatu District and Brother Doug Strother as 1st Counsellor.

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

Our Hui Pariha held in New Plymouth on August 25th was a wonderful meeting and although the 'flu bug kept quite a number from attending there were 80 adults present. This is the first Hui Pariha to be held in New Plymouth and everyone attending voted it "one of the best." At the Saturday nights "Priesthood and their wives meeting," many members met President and Sister Baliff for the first time. During this evening Sister Ballif was presented with flowers and a birthday cake.

Brother Steve White is now our District President with Brother Turaki Manu 1st Counsellor and Brother William Charles Katene, Jr., 2nd Counsellor.

An oil painting of the New Zealand Temple was presented by the Wanganui Branch to President Baliff who accepted it on behalf of the College. This painting measures approximately 4ft. x 3ft. and was painted by John L. O'Brien.

From New Plymouth comes news of College Budget projects and advancements in the Priesthood. On Saturday, August 3rd, the Sunday School went to Brother Bruce Judd's to plant potatoes for their College budget. On August 25th, Brother Fa'afoi Tuitama was ordained to the Melchizedek Priesthood and Brother Henley Sharland was ordained a deacon.

The Primary programme, under the direction of Sister Rosina Katene, was held on the evening of August 4th in the Wanganui Branch. Those who attended enjoyed the items presented by 25 children. They portrayed the activities of Primary from the tiny tots to the MIA graduation class.

With the release of Branch President Brother Wm. Katene, Jr., Brother Wm. A. Anderson has been called to fill this position. We are grateful for the leadership and hard work Brother Katene rendered to build up the branch in Wanganui.

From Wairou, news of the baptisms on August 11th of Brother and Sister Saunders.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

During August a group of men and women gave a week's assistance at the College.

Called as Sunday School Secretary is Sister Polly Tarawhiti. She will assist her husband, Ru, who is District Sunday School Superintendent.

Visitors throughout the district have been Brothers Heperi, Beasley, Herini and Campbell, Ben Hippolite and Elders Evans and Lewis of Otago. Also Elder Drexel from the recent visiting American ship.

Wellington Branch:

MIA is fully organized again. Assisting Sister Rawinia Haeata as President are Brother Paul Suapaia and Sister Mamie Pohatu and Sister Piki McDonald as Secretary.

A "bang-up" M Men and Gleaner Week was held from the 1st-7th September making all a great success. Opening this special week was a fireside evening conducted by Brother John McCullan. Also held were Home Hour, Film and Dance Nights and a Testimonial Meeting.

Best of luck to Sister Dawn Hensley, a recent convert and active member. She will take up duties as a dental nurse at Mount Roskill, Auckland.

We would like to say "Hello" to our new missionary, Sister Broadwater, who has arrived to be with Sister Shaumkel. We wish you success, Sister. Farewells were given to Sister Davis and Sister Thurston. We are grateful for all they have done.

Stanley Hoy was ordained to the office of an Elder.

Visiting with her family in Australia is Sister June Parkes and her infant daughter.

Porirua Branch:

Aneta Henrici, three-month-old daughter of Brother and Sister Alec Wineera, passed away 20th August. Our sympathy is extended to this young couple.

The name Nicholas was given to the son of Brother and Sister Leo Parata by Brother Edison Wineera.

Congratulations to the "Bill Wineeras" on the birth of their new daughter.

Mervyn Kenny, who is making his life career in the Navy, returned home to celebrate his 21st birthday in the form of a banquet and dance on the 7th September.

The MIA has again been reorganized as follows: Young Men Supt., Brother Reginald Tawera, with Brothers Tony McCarthy and Jury Arthur as Assistants. Young Women Presi., Sister Wikitoria Whatu, with Sisters

Tillie Katene, Lena Kenny and Patricia Wineera as counsellors and secretary.

A farewell evening was held at the Recreation Hall in honour of Brother and Sister James Elkington on September 12th, who are returning to the College. Our best wishes go with them.

The Elders' Group, under Brother Mark Metekingi, are working hard to raise funds for Missionary Assessments by showing films and selling newspapers.

The engagement of Brother Jury Arthur to Sister Rosemary Renton, a recent convert, is announced.

Hutt Branch:

At last the ground for the Chapel has been purchased and hope work will begin soon.

Returning home to the States is Elder Gold. We thank him for his friendship and efforts in helping to spread the Gospel here. In his place we welcome Elder Moody and say the happiest moment of your missionary life has begun.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister George Tuau on the birth of their daughter.

The name of Te Maire Stanley was given to the son of Brother and Sister John Daymond.

A building committee has been organized to start raising funds for the Chapel Project. As chairman is Brother Tata Parata, Snr., with Sister Rakapa Parata as secretary and Brother George Tuau as treasurer.

Recent ordinations are: Deacons, Andrew Adams, John Naylor, and Douglas Meeklen. Teachers, Robert Walker. Priest, David Reynolds, Snr., Tripoli Daniel Tuau.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

Christchurch Branch:

The Ranfurly Shield is again back in the "Mainland." Sorry that the North Island couldn't hold it any longer. We will *all* be looking forward to that day when our own College boys will be playing other Colleges down here.

Brother Baden Pere was released as MIA Superintendent and has not as yet been replaced. Brother Baden has been shifted to Ohakea and we do miss him. We hope he can be with us occasionally.

Meetings of the various groups are the order of the day and we hope to make a good showing at our forthcoming Hui Labour Week-end.

The Hutsons will be leaving for Australia sometime in September for a month's holiday.

Well, folks, there's isn't any more news at present. We wish all the T.K. readers the best. Hope to have a budget of news next month. Kia Ora.

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WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. N. McDonald, Jr.

Another successful correlation meeting was held at Nelson on 25th August, with an attendance of 21. The inspirational talk, a feature of each meeting, was given by Brother Benjamin T. Hippolite. The main topic discussed was the Hui Pariha to be held at Wairau Pa on 12th-13th October.

Madsen Branch:

The branch was favoured by a visit from Elders Hymas and Pusey. They were picked up from Rai Valley by Brother Turi Elkington, who had a loan of the local school teacher's car. The weather has been poor and the monthly fishing day for the College and Temple fund was not held.

Elders Roskelley and Hunsaker visited the branch, travelling in theier "bug." Just at present the "bug" has the bug and the two Elders are once more old-fashioned.

Grovetown Branch:

Send-off parties have been held to farewell Brother and Sister Cappy McDonald, who leave for Samoa on 26th September.

L.D.S. BASKETBALL TEAM, 1957.

Back row from left: Elders Carr, Hatch, Olsen, Blanche, Hilton, Stevens and Manager Eric Steele. Front row: Elders Smith, Runnels, Sheffield, Woolstenhulme, Morrison.

THE Hamilton public and many members of the Church saw a fine display of basketball as the *"Mormon Elders' Team"* defeated the New Zealand representatives 67-52. At the invitation of the New Zealand Indoor Basketball Association, the Elders' team met in Hamilton. The game was the climax of a four-day National Tournament in which Hamilton emerged as the champions by defeating Wellington in the final play-off game 50-37.

PLAY: The game was a fine exhibition of good ball playing by both teams. The Representative team was good in sinking their shots from outside the keyhole, while the Elders dominated and controlled the boards. The Elders were sparked by the floor-play of Elder Morrison, whose fancy dribbling had the crowd cheering him on. Elders Hilton and Sheffield added to the scoring column consistently. With both teams showing great strength, the half-time score was 33-33. The second half was much the same with Elders Morrison and Runnels spearheading the attack and Elder Hilton shooting well. Elders Olsen, Stevens, and Woolstenhulme kept the spirit of the game alive with hard driving and steady play.

The New Zealand team played well, but the long, tiring tournament play began to show as the Elders moved steadily ahead. The final score showed the L.D.S. team to be a winning combination—Elders 64, New Zealand 52.

The co-operation of all and the fine team spirit contributed to the victory. This was the final game for the Elders. Their demonstration of clean play and good sportsmanship has been a credit to the Mission and good publicity for the Church.

It is interesting to note that the Elders participation in the four games of this season has not interfered with their missionary assignments. They won all four games and played the top Representative teams of New Zealand. They carried a full proselyting schedule and comparatively little time was spent individually or collectively practicing for the games.

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For behold, the Lord God has led away from time to time from the house of Israel, according to His will and pleasure. And now behold, the Lord remembereth all them who have been broken off, wherefore He remembereth us also.

(2 Nephi 10:21-22.)

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

THIS is the anniversary issue of *Te Karere*. For fifty years it has been the Messenger from the Mission Headquarters to all the Saints throughout New Zealand.

In the bound volumes of *Te Karere* are recorded the historical happenings of the Mission together with reprints of the Church Doctrine and the arrival and departure of the missionaries who through their diligence have opened the door to exaltation in the Kingdom of God for those who have been baptized into the Church. The Messenger Has brought and continues to bring to you the inspiration, revelation, and guidance of our Modern Prophets. Their instruction follows the pattern of the "Prophets of Old," pleading for righteous living to forsake evil and pointing the way to find real joy in the service of our Father in Heaven.

Te Karere is not only a recorder of past happenings. It also brings to us the Message of today's events and the plannings for the future. It is the official organ for the Church in New Zealand.

Te Karere is another testator of the truthfulness of the Gospel. It is a special witness to all who will read, that the Church of Jesus Christ has been established in the world, and the New Zealand Mission is in reality a part of that great organization.

The great message of The Messenger today is the same that was given throughout the ages by the Prophets: that God lives, that He is the greatest of all intelligences, that He has a body of flesh and bone, that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and that through Him the way is opened to all mankind to enjoy eternal life in the presence of Our Father by obedience to the revelations of His mind and will.

The Messenger continues to testify that the Prophet Joseph Smith stood in the presence of the Father and the Son and was instructed by them to organize Their Church upon the earth in this dispensation of the fullness of times. The New Zealand Mission is part of that organization and *Te Karere* will continue to be a witness for these great truths.

". . . when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17.)

Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

MANY years ago I was in a play called JUST SUPPOSE. I remember it because of certain words I had to speak. They were, "I'm the girl who cried for the moon . . . " Ever since then I have been crying for the moon, but, of course, so has everyone else. The moon is a glowing stimulus for progress.

What is the moon? The dictionary explains that the moon is "a satellite or planet revolving around the earth." But the satellite the Russians shot into the air is not the moon. The Japanese poet wrote:

Pluck the moon from out of the sky,
Add a stick to hold it by—
Lo! what a pretty fan!

But the moon, brought to earth and made into a fan would not be the moon anymore. The moon is a light in darkness and to me symbolises high and lofty things. The moon is something friendly, romantic and confidential, something enchanting for which we are always seeking. It is as the Maori legend says, the fire-that-never-goes-out, and it stimulates that fire in its beholders, that fire of desire for progress, keen desire that moves to action.

It was in the ancient days of Pythagoras, 500 years before Christ, that men first started talking about trips to the moon. Such trips will almost certainly be possible within the near future. Doesn't it make you proud of man's accomplishments?

The other night many people gazed into the sky to see the man-made satellite. For ages men, women and children have gazed at the satellite made by God, and gazing, having dreamed dreams of love, of wonder, of ascending upward, dreams now near reality. Today's events show clearly that a light high up and far away can be achieved by continual and constant trying. So it is with life. The high and lofty goals, the friendly, romantic, confidential personalities are achieved only by looking steadily and working constantly toward the moon, the light in the darkness which is the whole of the Gospel, for Christ is the light of the moon and the power thereof. (D. & C. 88:8.) The restlessness of search for the light given us by Christ should always be with us.

Cale Young Rice wrote:

There is a quest that calls me,
In nights when I am alone,
The need to ride where the ways divide
The Known from the Unknown.

Eternal progress is obtained by continual searching for the moon and enobling experiences are had along the way.

. . . . . .

Remembering the early days of the *Te Karere* when it was printed by a hand press at M.A.C., and seeing the Magazine as it is today, efficiently serving all auxiliary organizations and members of the Church in New Zealand, we note with esteem the steady following of a high aim. We say to the Magazine, for it does have a personality, and publishing staff, "Congratulations and Happy Anniversary! Although the moon is not far away for you there is still Mars and then the Sun to reach, and beyond that there is no limit."

EDITORIAL . . .

Therefore, in the beginning the Word was, for He was the Word even the "Messenger" of salvation. (D. & C. 93:8.)

SINCE the foundation of the world, Messengers have proclaimed the will of God and the laws upon which blessings are predicated.

In the council in Heaven, Jesus Christ, who was the Beloved and Chosen from the beginning, said, "Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever." Satan, a messenger of evil, proclaimed, "I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost; wherefore give me thine honour." Those who Satan had beguiled by his message followed after him and were cast from Heaven.

Father Adam was instructed to repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forever more, and taught those things made known unto him to their sons and their daughters.

Before the birth of the greatest Messenger of Salvation, prophets proclaimed the message of eternal life and commanded men everywhere that they should repent.

John the Baptist, who was trusted with the divine mission of preparing the way before the face of the Lord, heralded his message. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Luke 3:36.)

The greatest Messenger and emissary of Our Father in Heaven is Jesus Christ, His Son, the Light and the Redeemer of the world, the Spirit of Truth, who came into the world, because the world was made by Him, and in Him was the life of men and the light of men. (D. & C. 93:9.)

"Neither is their salvation in any other for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Act 4:12.)

We are living in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. Through Joseph Smith was restored all the laws and commandments of God necessary for our salvation. His message is the greatest to mankind since that proclaimed by Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

"The Lord continues to make known His mind and will through prophets, seers and revelators whom He has successively chosen and appointed to lead His people; and the voice of divine revelation is heard in the Church today."

The Church sends out thousands of "Messengers" to witness to the nations the messages of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ, we are Messengers for truth, and each have a responsibility to prepare the way before the coming of Our Saviour.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Storm Warning

By Elder Wm. Ross Paxman

SUDDENLY the long period of darkness is pierced by a glorious light, which causes the darkness to flee away. The sky is clear, the sun is bright, and most of nature awakes—whistling merrily. But, as is often the case in New Zealand, the brightness of morning is followed by clouds of darkness, which dims the shimmering of the sun, and may even pour down rain, which changes the merry whistling into songs of courage. Then, just as often, the rain gradually ceases, and the clouds slowly part and fade away, leaving the sun to smile pleasantly on the earth, and people to bask in its warmth. Yet, still, a brisk, cool wind is blowing, just to keep the people on the alert.

Then there is a calm. Everything is still and quiet, as though waiting for something to happen. Many do not seem to take notice and go on picnics, and hikes, and outdoor parties. Yet, a storm warning is sounded to those who will hear. A few can see the dark, menacing clouds on the horizon growing larger and larger, and drawing closer. These few set about in haste to prepare themselves for the great storm that will soon break out in all its fury, and warn their neighbours as well. Yet people pay no heed to approaching danger.

Then, suddenly, the calm is shattered by a clap of thunder and flash of lightning, and the viciousness of the storm is set off, with the accompanying shriek of the wind, and roar of rain. All nature groans and heaves, as though bent on the utter destruction of mankind. And what happens? There is confusion everywhere, and those that were prepared are safe, but those that were not suffer greatly, and many are destroyed.

The following day the sun arises, gloriously bright and warm again, and those that remain rejoice to live with the promise of no more storms for a long time to come.

Let us make a comparison. The darkness is that period spoken of by Amos (Amos 8:11-12) when the word of the Lord was not upon the earth. Then the glorious day arrives when the light of the Gospel shines forth in its brightness through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith in the restoration of the Gospel in its majesty. The birds singing at the break of day represent those who are joyously spreading the glad tidings of great joy. Those that hear and realize that night has fled, arise and pull up the blinds, and let the sun shine in. Others drowsily lie in darkness, the blinds yet drawn. But over those who are partakers of the light comes clouds of opposition, which showers upon them rain of persecution. This persecution fights to shut out the light of the Gospel, and makes it necessary for the Saints to flee in search of a place where they can worship in peace. In their flight, they sing songs of courage, such as, "Come, come ye Saints, no toil nor labour fear, but with joy wend your way." They evidenced tremendous faith. "We must not look back, but place our faith in God. We must leave our destiny in His hands." Because of their faith and endurance, the bitterness against them lessens. The sun shines brightly and the Saints sing: "Rejoice in His glorious Gospel, and bask in its life-giving light, thus on to eternal perfection, the honest and faithful will go, while they who reject this glad message will never such happiness know."

Then there is a calm. We *now* are in the calm before the storm. Opposition against the Church is very slight.

We are being accepted; maybe not because of our teachings, but because we have such a fine College being built. Yes, it is a very deceiving period of time we are living in. It is very easy to slip into the ways of the world. We must be in the world but not of the world. The minute we cease to be a peculiar people, then we cease to be true Latter-day Saints. Many now are being lulled into a false security and Satan is wise. He wants a following and has tried to reach his evil ends by fighting the Church. Soon he will shatter the calm with all his fury, and he will catch many off guard. Let us not be out on a picnic when the storm strikes. The storm warning has been sounded by men of God for many years. Every Latter-day Saint should realize the danger that lies ahead. Let us now set out in haste to prepare ourselves. I want to refer you to some of the many important storm warnings in the Doctrine and Covenants, which you should all read and understand. Doc. & Co. 29:14-21 and Doc. & Cov. 45:26-44. Tonight, in our family hour, have this important subject as a matter of discussion. After we have discussed and set out in sincere preparation, we must realize that he who hath been warned must warn also his neighbour. The calm we are in will be shattered, and every member of the Church will be tried to the utmost, even, if it were possible, to the destroying of the strongest of members. As we flee to a house for shelter in the face of a storm, so we must shelter ourselves with an active, burning testimony of Jesus Christ. And as we strengthen the house against the outburst, so we must strengthen the Church by our activity.

Let us not be deaf to these storm warnings and do nothing, or you "shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Rather, take heed and act now, and be likened "unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock, and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24-27).

After the scourge is over and the earth is cleansed from all iniquity, those who have lived worthy, stand and rejoice to live in the presence of the Son of God, even the Lord, Jesus Christ, and live with the promise that the sun will not be darkened, and peace will reign on the earth for a thousand years.

Take advantage of the opportunity of entering the Temple. Prepare yourself to be worthy to behold the glory of Christ at His coming. Let us heed the storm warnings and prepare—*NOW!*

"And after Baptism—what follows?
A looking outward and not down.
A re-adjustment of our values,
A facing to Reality!
I know now what is wrong before I do it,
And likewise what is right, my friend!
A using of the intellect for progress,
Not just for you or just for me,
But for the whole, for life intended
When God put breath into our Being.
And sent us to the Plane of Beauty
To gain experience, and learn to live;
To seek, to strive, forever upward,
Until the cycle is complete."

—Mavis Braund.

Missionary Activities

ARRIVALS: via the "Orion"

FROM Homedale, Idaho, comes ELDER DENNIS LESLIE who arrived September 16th. He attended Ricks College prior to his mission call and is assigned to work in Wanganui with Elder Leslie D. Burbidge.

ELDER KENNETH S. LARKIN from West Weber Ward, Ogden, Utah, also arrived September 16th. He is working with Elder Max W. Robinette in Utiku. Before coming on a mission he worked for the railroad and was active in Church activities.

Assigned to work in Feilding with Elder A. J. Smith is ELDER BLAIN R. MORGAN of Kenilworth, Utah. He attended Carbon College and B.Y.U. studying pre-dentistry prior to his mission call.

Also arriving September 16th was ELDER GERALD B. WARNICK from East Pasadena Ward, Pasadena, California. He is proselyting in Auckland District with Elder Jerold Johnson. Elder Warnick attended B.Y.U. two years, majoring in pre-med.

His grandfather was from Christchurch and in 1880 he, his wife and sister left for Zion.

Travelling with the four other elders was ELDER JOHN ALLEN HUBBARD from Rupert II Ward, Rupert, Idaho. Before his mission call he attended the Utah State University studying electrical engineering. He is assigned to work with Elder R. Gary Smith in the Waikato District.

SEPTEMBER 25th via "Monterey"

Two elders from Salt Lake City increase our numbers of proselyting missionaries in New Zealand. They are ELDER RICHARD E. DORITY and ELDER DONALD M. MURPHY.

Elder Dority comes from North 20th Ward and attended the University of Utah one year prior to coming on a mission. He is proselyting with Elder Ralph Shy on the North Shore, Auckland District.

Elder Murphy is working in King Country with Elder A. D. Behunin. He was sent from Garden Heights South Ward and attended the University of Utah, studying mechanical engineering. He was active in Priesthood and Scout work in his ward.

OCTOBER 1st via "Orsova"

ELDER CLIFFORD H. EDWARDS from Logan, Utah, joined his two brothers as proselyting missionaries in New Zealand. He is assigned to work on North Shore, Auckland District, with Elder Paul D. Halverson. Attending the Utah State University two years, he was majoring in Physiology and has always been actively engaged in Church work in his ward.

From Salt Lake City comes ELDER L. HYRUM COON who is working with Elder George D. Halls in the Auckland District. He was active in Sunday School and Scouting work and attended the University of Utah majoring in English and Sociology.

ELDER DOUGLAS E. SHIPLEY, also from Salt Lake City, is nowk labouring in Christchurch with Elder J. Howard Johnson. Prior to his mission, Elder Shipley worked for a contractor and was active in the MIA, participating in the Elders' Basketball team. He is from the same ward as Elder and Sister Hugh Lyman at the College.

Assigned to work in the Otago District with Elder Lloyd L. Stevens is ELDER RICHARD PRATT of Salt

Lake City. He attended the University of Utah for two years and participated in the Elders' Basketball team in the MIA.

Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

For, behold, the field is white already to harvest; and lo he that trusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul.

Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

(D. & C. 4:2, 4, 6, 7.)

TRANSFERS:

ELDER WALTER E. BEAN from King Country to the Mission Office with Elder Cleo A. Davis.

ELDER LYNN SPETH from Manawatu to the Mission Office.

SISTERS NINA EMMETT and KURA PALMER from Manawatu District to Wellington District.

ELDER CLIFFORD EDWARDS from Auckland District to Whangarei with Elder Ray A. Jordan.

ELDER KARL G. TOPHAM from Manawatu to Mission Office with Elder L. L. Adams.

SISTER MARLENE WOLFGRAMM from Auckland District to Mission Office with Sister Elaine Miner.

ELDER RICHARD F. SMITH from Wellington District to Manawatu District with Elder Paul D. Woolstenhulme.

SISTER JENET WATENE from Auckland District to Wairou District with Sister Winnie R. Mortensen.

New Assignments:

ELDER TERRY E. CLARK with Elder P. D. Halverson, Auckland District.

ELDER WILLIAM WILLIAMS with Elder Gary N. Sheffield, Auckland District.

ELDER RICHARD B. WINWARD with Elder Bruce B. Brunson, Auckland District.

SISTER ZEDA P. SWEAT with Sister Verna M. Davis, Auckland District.

SISTER MIHIROA P. MOHI with Sister June Cotter, Auckland District.

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE COLLEGE PROJECT:

A historical yearbook of the project is being brought up to date and plans are under way to publish the book for the Dedication. All individuals who have worked on the Project and are not at the College now, are asked to please send in their names and the time of their service at the Project so the list can be complete for this important history book.

A prize is being offered for the most suitable name for this yearbook and anyone who wants to enter the contest is welcome to do so by submi'ting their proposed name for the book to the Yearbook Committee. Please address all letters to:

THE NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE,
L.D.S. COLLEGE, FRANKTON JUNCTION.

FROM THE COLLEGE

PLANS FOR OPENING, MOVING FORWARD

THE arrival of supplies, books, and equipment evidences the planning and organizing to date of the New Zealand College of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is in preparation for the first year's activities of the College commencing on 10th February, 1958.

Thus far, the College office staff comprises Dr. Boyack, his daughter Sue, and Sister Wati Martin who has been appointed secretary. Sister Boyack has contributed much with her suggestions on the selection of materials, ideas and many other helpful hints. Elder Collin Jones and family from Providencia, California, will arrive early in November. Brother Jones will assist the Principal, act as Career Counsellor, and head the Physical Education Department. Other teachers will be arriving early in January.

Considerable preliminary work has been accomplished. Several meetings with educational authorities have been held to discuss conditions, and the possible assimilation of some American ideas have been undertaken by Dr. Boyack. The College, however, will basically follow New Zealand plans and organization. Formal application for registration has been made with the Department of Education.

Dr. Boyack has observed New Zealand teaching methods in local secondary schools, materials and equipment, and many other conditions relating to the New Zealand educational system. He reports that all have been most helpful and there are many fine and interesting phases in the New Zealand Educational System.

The work on the prospectus is complete, and considerable amount of detail has been involved in preparing it for publication. Fees, study courses, and appropriate uniforms had to be carefully considered before final decisions were made. The Advisory Board, of which President Ballif is Chairman, has been most helpful. Copies of the prospectus are available by writing to the College.

Much thought and planning was given the smartness and serviceability of the uniforms. The helpful result of the survey quiz throughout the Mission and the able assistance of the Uniform Committee have helped to select the school colours and attractive uniforms. The colours chiefly suggested and with which the Committee concurred were turquoise blue and white with grey used in some of the uniform items. Complete details will be available in the prospectus and the December *Te Karere*.

In summary, preparations are rapidly progressing for the first year's activities of our New Zealand College of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Though much remains to be done, progress is right up to schedule. Many suggestions have been sent, and others which parents of students may have will be appreciated.

It was a wise creator who put our eyes in the front of our heads instead of the back. How much more important it is to look forward rather than backward.

Priesthood Page

PROJECT OF THE 5TH QUORUM OF ELDERS

SHORTLY after the organization of the No. 5 Quorum of Elders in Bay of Islands, 1955, a combined meeting was called with the District Presidency. Discussion led to the organizing of a Welfare Programme in which the Quorum might assist the

Members of 5th Quorum of Elders

District in the College and Temple assessments. The Quorum organized a working group and erected a stone wall 4x5x3' at the top. In one day 22 Elders, four Aaronic Priesthood members, and one member participated in this 11½ chain project.

This was our introduction to Quorum Projects. The year 1956 proved eventful for the Quorum. A "Task" Committee was organized and the Quorum undertook a project which would require great strength, not in the immensity of the project, but because of the physical conditions of the surroundings.

Bcause snow rarely falls, this region is known as the Winterless North. However, the rain is more persistent hence the name "Puhanga Tohora," meaning whale spouting or prevelance of rain. Under these conditons, transport to and from work was difficult. On occasions, a Caterpillar D7 was used. That winter, the Quorum was forced to take up smaller fencing and drainage projects more centrally situated and under better conditions.

The Quorum then began the "Task," taking advantage of all Saturdays. The District Leadership meeting was re-scheduled to the last Saturday of each month to give more time to the project.

Elder Erickson, who has charge of the Mill and Timber operations, assisted them in the transportation of the men. The Quorum was then able to build 302 chains of fence (19,932ft. of fencing). This fence consisted of seven wires with five posts per chain and five battens between posts. They also built 20 floodgates which were suspended across the creeks. Hundreds of posts and thousands of battens were used in this construction. The project was completed in July of 1957, commencing the previous September, 1956.

Stretching the Wires

Participating in these projects were 43 Elders or almost 60% of the total active roll. As many as 30 Quorum members participated at one time. There were from six to ten Aaronic Priesthood members and one to three members not holding the Priesthood in attendance.

Two stalwarts were Hemi Witehira and Atawhai Wihongi, both approaching their eighties. They assisted in the construction of the floodgates. The average attendance throughout the project was 12 Elders or 28% of the active group and four Aaronic Priesthood members.

In conjunction with these projects, the Elders had two Social events and a Picnic outing with their wives and families.

Through their unity and hard work, the members who participated in these projects have assisted the District in their College and Temple assessments and, more important, given SERVICE in the building up of Our Father in Heaven's Kingdom here in this land. They have achieved one of the purposes of their Priesthood by developing *Brotherhood* and *Unity* in their Quorum.

Proceeds:

From nine projects dating from July, 1955, to July, 1957, £796/11/11.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

IN last month's Aaronic Priesthood article we talked about the importance of fulfilling our Aaronic Priesthood responsibilities. This month we will consider something equally as important as the *doing* of our job—*loyalty* or the extension of doing. This very important word involves a great deal of responsibility. The American Philosopher Josiah Royce defined loyalty as the "Whole souled, thorough-going, practical devotion of a person to a cause." Loyalty is a principle attribute of a good Aaronic Priesthood member.

To what causes should we be devoted in the Aaronic Priesthood? One of the greatest that the loyal member should work toward when possible is shielding the members of the branch from evil influences. As it is given in the Doctrine & Covenants "to watch over the Church always—to visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties." The loyal Aaronic Priesthood member should always strive to defend the Church and to promote its interests and teach its doctrines as the opportunities present themselves. To be loyal to a cause means a great deal. To be loyal to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest cause that one can be engaged in.

There are many rewards and blessings that come as a result of loyalty. In the Aaronic Priesthood we have the award programme. Individual boys through their loyalty to the Priesthood during the year by attendance at meetings and by living the principles of the Gospel, are able to obtain one of these excellent awards. The award itself represents the loyalty of the Aaronic Priesthood member to the Church during the entire year and is also a measure of that person's initiative.

The great blessing of a clear conscience comes as a result of being loyal to the Church. A good conscience is probably one of the greatest contributors towards personal happiness there is. Loyalty to a righteous cause brings a good name—a name that can be relied upon, and one that means something worthwhile to those who hear it.

Loyalty to the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings the greatest blessings that man can gain—the blessings of joy and life everlasting. Don't we owe it to ourselves and our God to endure to the end? Don't we owe it to ourselves to have joy and happiness in our lives? This can and will come only through consistent loyalty to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, every moment of lives.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

We congratulate all the Primaries who have sent in their Shilling Fund to help this Great Primary Organisation to function. May the Lord bless you all for your faithfulness.

OUR HONOUR ROLL

BAY OF ISLANDS

Kaikohe
Matararua
Ngawha
Okaihau
Tautoro
Te Hue Hue
Waihou

BAY OF PLENTY

Kawerau
Mangakino
Rotorua
Tokoroa

HAURAKI

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Huria
Maketu
Waihi
Waiomio
Waitao

HAWKES BAY

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Waimarama

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OUR STANDARD

RESPECT FOR OUR CLASSMATES.

Love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth . . . knoweth God (1 John 4-7).

LESSONS FOR DECEMBER

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 64: The Birth of the Christ Child.

2nd Week: Preparation for Christmas Programme.

3rd Week: Christmas Programme.

Dear Teachers, isn't it amazing how quickly the time passes? Continue to have your Primary Meetings and Lessons even if some of the children go away for a holiday. Tell the story of the Birth of Jesus very simply and with pictures. Prepare your programme as outlined on Page 69. The children will enjoy dramatizing the suggested stories, and through your united efforts your programme will be a great success.

Co-Pilots:

1st Week, Page 65: Thanksgiving.
2nd Week, Page 71: Gifts.
3rd Week, Page 73: Joy of Giving.

The children will enjoy these three lessons, and should get the Christmas spirit, and keep in mind the objectives, the Birth of Our Saviour, and It Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive. If you want to keep the third week clear for the party, the third lesson could be given along with Thanksgiving.

Trailbuilder Lessons:

1st Week, Page 77: Trail of Service.
2nd Week, Page 80: Christmas.
3rd Week: Christmas Party.

First week is to complete the Trail of Service and the boys will receive their Emblems for their Bandlos. They must complete the service, so prepare and do not deprive the boys the opportunity to gain their Emblems. The second week is the Christmas Lesson. It is very well known and a beautiful lesson. Prepare as the Manual suggests and make it an inspiring experience for the Trailbuilders. We hope all will enjoy the Christmas Party.

Homebuilders, Seagulls:

1st Week, Page 88: Christmas Everywhere.
2nd Week, Page 96: Unto the Least of These.
3rd Week: Christmas Party.

There are four scrapbook pages of instructions for the first lesson. Have a supply of paper and glue and a sample of the decorations to make. Be well prepared to make your Christmas lesson, "Unto the Least of These," one that will live within the hearts of your girls. Merry Christmas to Home Builders and their Teachers.

The Mission Board will be thinking of you all in your celebrations and do wish the Primary Officers, Teachers and Children a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember, Primary does not close at Christmas, but is a year-round organization. There will be some children who will go on holiday, but there are sure to be some home who would love to have something to do and Primary will be the answer with its added activities. The fourth week in December is the only given holiday. Be happy and careful during the school vacations.

Secretaries:

Thank you for every report received during the past 12 months. Don't take a holiday from reporting because of the approaching holiday season. Let's have every District and Branch in the Mission report.

MOST INJURY COMES FROM LITTLE EVILS

"THE servants of the Lord are required to guard against those things that are calculated to do the most evil. The little foxes spoil the vines—little evils do the most injury to the Church. If you have evil feelings, and speak of them to one another, it has a tendency to do mischief. These things result in those evils which are calculated to cut the throats of the heads of the Church.

"When I do the best I can—when I am accomplishing the greatest good, then the most evils and wicked surmisings are got up against me. I would to God that you would be wise. I now counsel you, that if you know anything calculated to disturb the peace or injure the feelings of your brother or sister, hold your tongues and the least harm will be done . . . "

Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp.258-259.

Genealogy

DO you ever think of the debt of gratitude we owe our ancestors? "What for?" you might ask rather sceptically. For our very existence in this generation of time. For the heritage they left us—being born in this fair land.

For the faith and courage our ancestors showed in leaving the shores of their mother land to seek freedom and a new life in what seemed to them a promised land.

For the strength of heart and body those early pioneers showed when they made by hand the first cultivations, hewing down the virgin bush to build their rough but happy homes.

For the confidence and faith shown by those ancestral mothers who gave birth to large families, with no luxuries of a hospital bed or attendant doctor and nurses to whisk away the lusty, new-born babe.

For their faith when sickness struck down a healthy growing child, taking them to their knees in open-hearted prayer to their Father in Heaven, for seldom was there a doctor within 100 miles.

For the love which bound those large families together. They had no radio to switch on but made their own entertainment; singing their own songs and playing their own instruments. All who recall those days of the barn dance and country social look back with longing.

For the path they opened for their hundreds of unborn descendants to progress in this country.

For the hand of brotherhood that some did extend to our brown-skinned brothers and sisters in New Zealand. For the romance that caused two hearts of different races to blend as one, giving us, the descendants, the birthright and culture of many nations in our blood.

For the fascinating history they have left us down through the ages, to give a picture of their lives, hurts, sorrows, and happiness.

We have only to search to find it—this HERITAGE of centuries. Only by delving into the past in old trunks, Bibles, diaries, letters, pictures, newspapers, and talking with the oldest living members of our family can we trace our roots back to Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales, Europe, America, or the exotic East, and discover the hidden treasure that our ancestors have left behind.

Genealogy on its own is like a tree with no leaves or flowers. We need the history to supply the background which makes the names of our ancestors so real. As we trace our family tree, each new name discovered becomes in like value to a priceless pearl. We add to our necklace of ancestors. Each time our branches extend into another country, there is that feeling of wonder that our veins should contain the blood of so many nations. We have only to go back four generations, and find we all have 16 great, great, grandparents.

Kings and Queens are not the only ones with family trees; all of us have one if we would only appreciate its worth. Without it we are like a ship without a compass, not knowing from where we sailed.

Genealogy is an anchor for unborn generations. It is as old as Genesis and as new as ourselves. We all spring from the same root, but our branches change direction as time goes by. Down through the ageless centuries those ancestors have paved the way for you and me!

The pattern of their deeds and their very existence is handed down to us. It is our HERITAGE. Let us cling to it and remember those who have gone before and leave a record of remembrance to cherish for those who come after us.

By GWEN HOWE.

December is REPORT MONTH. Please be prompt and don't fail us. Only nine out of sixteen Districts reported last quarter. Are you the one who failed us?

DO YOU KNOW——

We do not have any information concerning the whereabouts of these members. Can you give us their addresses?

Adams, Kapi Henry, August 30, 1902.
Adams, Margaret Pareaukawa, March 14, 1908.
Akuhata, Rangitapuarau Matewawe, April 20, 1915.
Amoroa, Te Hoe, Jr., 1899.
Anihana, Harris Mate, November 28, 1927.
Anihana, Eruera, 1883.
Anderson, Totorewa Tehurihanga, December 10, 1926.
Apatari, Heemi Te Whatu, October 1, 1944.
Ape, Kawirihana, November 5, 1910.
Aperahama, Rahui, August 18, 1899.
Apiti, Apiti William Whatu, January 28, 1914.
Ashby, Kate, March 6, 1919.
Atarea, Robert Piko Matetu, June 6, 1914.
Awapouri, Ngaiko Kepe, about 1888.

Baker, Amy Tihema, February 9, 1935.
Baker, Hemi Ngarangi, May 1, 1919.
Baker, Pani, March 14, 1928.
Baker, Peter Wakefield, March 23, 1926.
Bassett, Thomas Kensington, June 12, 1921.
Bell, Willie, April 4, 1913.
Bevan, Vivian Frances, May 6, 1919.
Bristewe (Pereto), Phillip Tawhiro, May 20, 1950.
Brown, Jimmy Himiona, June 2, 1926.
Brown (Logovi'i), January 6, 1917.
Brown, Wiremu Mohi, June 12, 1929.

Charlton, Ellen Susan Marshall, October 8, 1925.
Charlton, Te Koroneihana, October 8, 1941.
Chase, Edward Poihipi, March 19, 1918.
Chase, Rota, May 8, 1905.
Clapham, Stella Pauline Meyer, May 19, 1913.
Clark, Hani Tauranga, May 27, 1946.
Clark, Makereta Taipari Wiremu, April 11, 1911.
Clark, Mangu Wiremu, January 8, 1908.
Clark, Mihi Koroma, April 5, 1936.
Clark, Wiremu Ngahinaturae Mangu Karaka, May 22, 1936.
Clark, Pakira Otawara, May 7, 1939.
Clark, Wiremu Patea Karaka, April 25, 1933.
Clark, Wiremu Rauputiputi Mangu Karaka, September 28, 1937.
Cook, Christina Dorothy, January 6, 1929.
Cooper, Heneriata Mande, April 11, 1946.
Craib, Rulon Currie Edward, November 27, 1919.
Crankston, Marshall Martha, October 1, 1900.
Cross, Ivy Hazel, January 4, 1936.

Darby, Piahana May, May 7, 1924.
Davies, Janet, March 23, 1947.
Davies, Kiri, July 4, 1929.
Davies, Melva Joan, December 13, 1929.

Edmonds, Ellen, October 19, 1934.
Edwards, Turupo Manuka Tira Arihi Meihana, August 23, 1915.
Eketone, Mary Patene, September 11, 1948.
Eruera, Eruera Aperahama, February 26, 1901.
Eruera, Hone Karahina, October 1, 1909.
Eruera, Ka, April 21, 1916.
Eruera, Kopaki Montana, January 1, 1933.
Eruera, Leota Angela, May 10, 1936.
Eruera, Nopera, February 7, 1927.
Eruera, Te Aurere, March 17, 1918.
Eruera, Tera, October 25, 1911.
Eruera, Wati, March 7, 1918.
Erueti, Engari Timi Tamaki Okioki, March 15, 1946.
Erueti, John Te Oranga Puruau, October 21, 1944.
Erueti, Ngaraimata Wingaro, October 30, 1946.

Faires, Desmond Charles, June 17, 1943.
Falwasser, Edward Landall, November 17, 1927.
Faualo, Hariata Himiona, May 11, 1901.
Foster, Annie Noda, July 23, 1897.

Gadsby, Irene Elva, April 12, 1945.
Gadsby, Cheryl Aurora, July 22, 1951.
Gadsby, Wayne Eric, August 10, 1947.
Gadsby, Tamihana Joyce Reremoana, December 5, 1926.
Gallop, Gilbert Daniel, February 19, 1903.
Gebbie, Barbara, December 13, 1910.
Grant, Edna Thamazine Thorn, January 10, 1905.
Grant, Joy Maria Floyd, April 27, 1931.
Grey, Tauira Mere Maharini, October 20, 1910.
Griffen, Walter Clifford, August 23, 1903.

Haare, Taunaha.
Haika, Ngareta, August 22, 1905.
Haimona, Waereti, June 6, 1942.
Hakaria, Del Denise Waihanea, August 2, 1948.
Hakaria, Patutahoro, October 8, 1950.
Hakaria, Tiwha Turoa, September 6, 1951.
Hakopa, Kelly Campbell, October 11, 1932.
Hakupu, Waho Te Mau, 1912.
Hale, Keith, May 8, 1932.
Hall, Inoi Hazel, November 1, 1916.
Hall, James Milton Lewis, September 21, 1915.
Hall, Jan David, December 10, 1919.
Hall, Leonard Wynne, October 5, 1926.
Hall, Maois Hinehou, July 9, 1914.
Hall, Maura Joyce, June 12, 1918.
Hall, Megan Mary, May 29, 1921.
Hammond, John Edward, September 18, 1923.
Hammond, Thomas, December 29, 1926.
Hamuera, Te Ruahuihui, May 24, 1877.
Hansji, Raki Rumn Mangakala, June 16, 1946.
Hau, Etara, October 4, 1943.
Hau, Pine Ngaronoa.
Hauraki, Wikaira Teiwitapu Neri, April 21, 1900.
Harawira, Minnie Omihi, November 1, 1919.

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"Te Karere" in Retrospect

"With an intense desire to impart the truth to mankind, this little Messenger is sent forth, trusting that it may prove a blessing to thousands who are, as yet, grovelling in darkness and superstition, and lead them to the sunlight of truth."

These words stating the purpose of "The Messenger" appeared on the front page in 1909. The "Te Karere"—a sower of the seed of truth to all and a messenger to enlighten the minds of people with the light and truth of the Gospel.

Since the "Te Karere's" beginning in 1907, it has contained the early teachings and history of the Mission in respect to Branches, Auxiliaries, Missionaries, Construction Programme, and Important Visitors. The "Te Karere" has been a great unifying force among the Saints and Missionaries down through the years. Celebrating the Magazine's 50th Birthday, we view "The Te Karere in Retrospect."

MISSIONARIES:

THE early 1850's brought expansion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At a conference of the Australian Mission in 1854, it was decided to extend Missionary activity to New Zealand. Two missionaries sailed from Sydney, October 20, 1854, for Auckland, New Zealand, where they arrived October 27. These Elders held meetings in Auckland, Nelson, and finally Wellington where, after labouring diligently, they baptized ten persons and organized them into a branch of the Church at Karori.

In the year 1867, it was reported that the Church at that time consisted of one elder, one priest, one deacon, and four members—a total of seven.

During the 1870's the Mission laboured with the white residents of the land. The story of the missionaries first coming and teaching the Maoris is a familiar one.

Paora Potangaroa, a wise and learned chief, addressed a representative group of natives on political, social, and religious problems. After three days, occupied in prayer, fasting, and meditation about the problem of which church to join, he said, "My friends, the church for the Maori people has not yet come among us. You will recognize it when it comes. Its missionaries will travel in pairs. They will come from the rising sun. They will learn our language and teach us the Gospel in our own tongue." In 1881, Elder William M. Bromley arrived in New Zealand and before leaving for his mission he was counselled that "the time had come to take the Gospel to the Maori people."

At the close of 1887 the Church membership was 2,573, with 2,243 being Maoris.

Over the years many missionaries have laboured among the people of New Zealand and learned to love the Gospel Message as well as the people here. Many have returned and served as Mission Presidents, some for a second time such as Rufus K. Hardy, William Gardiner and John E. Magleby.

Elders from Zion were labouring diligently, especially among the Maori people, teaching the Gospel until Oc-

tober of 1940. This message was then printed in the *Te Karere*. "Just prior to going to press on October 15, President Matthew Cowley received word in a cablegram from the First Presidency that all Elders should leave New Zealand as soon as possible. President Cowley and his family will remain for an indefinite stay." In the following year, Hui Tau was held in Nuhaka. Historically, this conference was unique, President Cowley being the only Zion Elder present. The Mission was adequately supported, however, by five High Priests, one Seventy, 402 Elders, 328 Priests, 157 Teachers and 528 Deacons. This was the fruits of the labours of missionaries the previous years.

During this period a campaign was carried on throughout the Mission, "A *Te Karere* in Every Home." News from the First Presidency and Presidency of the Mission was sent out to all branches and districts through the pages of the *Te Karere*. The magazine served as a missionary as well as those who were called within the Mission.

February 8, 1946, saw the arrival of Elders from Zion, strengthening the testimonies of the faithful and giving new testimonies to others. Since that time, there has been a reshifting of missionary work, as our missionaries have again gone to the New Zealander of European extraction with the message of the Gospel.

The charge to missionaries will ever be the same—"For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that trusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in the store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul."

BRANCHES:

GONE are the days when sacrament meetings lasted way into the night and the missionaries labouring out in the district and branches learned to speak the Maori tongue fluently. Gone are the lantern lectures, obsolete travel through the districts, and infrequent visits from Elders or representatives of the Mission Presidency.

Since the beginning of recorded New Zealand Mission History, the work acomplished in the branches and districts tell the story of growth and development of the Church in New Zealand.

After the arrival of the first two missionaries, the first Branch was organized in Karori. There were 11 members of the Church there at that time. Since that time the Church has continued to grow, to increase in numbers until at the present time there are 15,600 on the records. This is the largest membership in any foreign mission. This membership is distributed throughout 72 branches located in all parts of the two islands. These branches are fully organized and even though many do not meet in a church building, "Where two or three are gathered together IN MY NAME, there am I in the midst of them."

During the war years in absence of missionaries, the youth of the Church became leaders of the branches and districts. The Maori had become an industrial worker and lived in the city the same as the European. The Auxiliaries gave instruction to the members and those eager to know the truth. They have ever been a great aid in the progress achived in the Mission Field. Their messages the past 50 years sent to members through the *Te Karere* have been an aid to teachers and leaders in carrying out their responsibilities in their branches.

The Church stands for progress, not only in a material way, but the principles and practices of this Church offer individual progress even unto perfection. A person cannot, however, grow into perfection without application, and in order for a person to learn how to apply his abilities he must have opportunities. This has inspired the organization of branches wherever the membership has been sufficient, to afford each member of the Church to build up the Kingdom of God here

in this land. These opportunities which build and train leaders helps us to "Be Ye Therefore Perfect, Even as Your Father Which is in Heaven is Perfect."

BUILDERS:

THE programme of the Church has always been to teach wherever they have gone. Early in the history in New Zealand they taught in little schools, way out in the back blocks, and they have continued that programme of teaching until the present.

The first major school built by the Church in New Zealand was built in 1912 in Bridge Pa, Hawkes Bay. There was a 250 acre farm and a boys' school accommodating 80 boarding students. This school was the answer to the prayers of many parents desiring the best for their youth in a good clean environment. That is what was offered each one who attended the academy.

In 1931 an earthquake came and destroyed evertyhing. Though the building, which was called the Maori Agriculture College, is gone, the traditoins and memories of the old academy are still talked about today. We see and appreciate the leadership that was turned from the halls of the M.A.C.

As time progressed on, the dream of a new M.A.C. came into being. In 1952 the *Te Karere* published a series of articles called *"New Zealand Sets the Pace,"* the story of the progress in acquiring a Church University in New Zealand.

The new school at Tuhikaramea grew out of the fact that the educational programme provided in the old Maori Agricultural College was so successful in the lives of the students who had been there as evidenced by their development and leadership, that the General Authorities of the Church concluded that a new school should be built.

There have been numerous other building projects in New Zealand. In recent years chapels in Auckland, Hastings, Gisborne, Kaikohe, and Tamaki have been erected. The cement brickmaking machine at the College has furnished the necessary bricks, etc., to help not only the construction progress here but in all the South Pacific Missions. The opening of the Kaikohe Saw Mill in the latter part of 1951 has been a great progressive factor in the construction programme in New Zealand. The joinery at the College takes these raw materials and carries production through to finished items. Not only is this programme building structures, but the characters of those who are becoming skilled workers in these specialized fields.

The faith of the members of the Church is evidenced in the great construction programme that has and is being carried out. "Progress, Our Most Important Product," will be evidenced in the next half-century as the future looks bright in New Zealand for teaching the message of the Restored Gospel.

VISITORS:

THE *Te Karere* has recorded the visits and messages of the General Authorities and special visitors that have visited this land.

In 1921, David O. McKay, then an apostle, made a historic world mission tour. He was the first General Authority of the Church to visit these islands. Accompanied by President H. K. Cannon, he attended the April Hui Tau held in Huntly, Waikato.

Years later (1938) two General Authorities of the Church, George Albert Smith of the Council of the Twelve, and Rufus K. Hardy, former New Zealand Mission President and of the First Council of the Seventy, arrived with the new mission president, Matthew Cowley. They had been travelling companions on the long journey from Salt Lake City, as they made a tour of the Pacific Missions.

Another great Hui was held a decade later, when Matthew Cowley returned, himself one of the Council of Twelve Apostles. At that time he

brought news from the first Presidency and Council of the Twelve of the approval of the purchase of property whereon a school would be built.

Again in 1953 the New Zealand Saints welcomed an apostle—Elder Le Grande Richards, accompanied by President Huntsman. They were on the last part of their trip to the South Seas and the purpose of their visit was the dedication of the Auckland Branch Chapel in Auckland.

Bishop Carl W. Buehner, second counsellor in the Presiding Bishopric of the Church, visited New Zealand in 1953 to look over the building programme, chapel sites, etc., and determine just what the needs of the people here in this land amounted to in regards to buildings.

In 1955, Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve, stopped briefly in New Zealand on his return trip from the Australian Mission which he was assigned to divide.

Hosannah! Hosannah! "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," resounded the length and breadth of New Zealand as President David O. McKay, accompanied by his wife, and Elder F. Murdock, toured the mission in 1955. Everyone looked forward to the historic first visit by a President of the Church to New Zealand. President McKay's first words when he spoke were, "Haere Mai. This is like coming home." After a short week of touring the Mission and inspecting the College site, an impressive and reverent farewell was held at their parting hour. We look forward to his return next April, to dedicate the House of the Lord.

In December of 1956, Elder Hugh B. Brown, accompanied by his wife, spent three weeks in New Zealand for the specific purpose of touring the Mission and laying the cornerstone of the Temple. The events which occurred on Tuhikaramea Road in Frankton marked another important milestone in the History of the Church in New Zealand. Elder and Sister Brown, special representatives of the First Presidency, spent a "Family Christmas Eve Hour" with all those at the College, an evening that will be well remembered by all who attended.

During his visit, President McKay summed up beautifully that which has been spoken of all those representing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"God bless you that you may ever treasure in your hearts that which has brought us together here tonight, without which we never would have met, and this is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Church to which we all belong. May we treasure the ideals of it, remain true to it, and thus cement for time and all eternity the friendship, the love, that dwells in our hearts tonight."

Happy Birthday, "Te Karere." May you continue to sow the seeds of truth to all as a "Messenger" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Keep silence or say something better than silence."—German Proverb.

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Why do we expect more from others than ourselves? Is it because we know ourselves?

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"Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase."—Proverbs 13:11.

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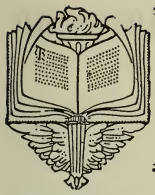
"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."—St. Luke 16:16.



Sunday School

MANY years ago there was a tiny but very friendly settlement nestled in a valley with very high mountains towering all around it. There was a family that lived a short distance out of the valley on the mountain slope.

One winter the snowfall was unusually heavy and the mountains became very laden from the excess snow. Suddenly a very tragic thing happened. An avalanche swept down on the house of the family near the mountain's edge. As soon as the noise and commotion subsided, people from the village rushed to the scene. In a frantic, disorganized scramble they set about to uncover the ill-fated house. Several people were heard to say that they would neither eat nor sleep until they had rescued their friends. However, as the day grew on the people began to realize the huge task that was still before them. They were hungry and tired. Before long some began to murmur that their friends were probably dead by now and that there was no use continuing. Several others quickly agreed and almost as suddenly as the search started, it stopped. The rescuers concluded that it was hopeless and the only thing to do was wait for the spring thaw. Then just as everyone was ready to leave a latecomer rode up. As soon as he found out the situation he began to speak to the people, calling to their attention the principle that was involved. So forceful was his speech that the people regained the enthusiasm they had at first and the digging resumed.

We of the Sunday School are like the rescuers in the story. As one author put it, "we need periodically some great Moses to take us upon the mountain where we can talk of *principles.* This gives us prospective and a renewal of inspiration." Unless every worker in our great organization receives regularly this counsel and encouragement we become discouraged and seek an easy way out.

Officers and teachers of the Sunday School, let us prepare ourselves that we may take those who we are trying to teach by the hand often and talk *principles* to them. To use a slang expression, we frequently need our "batteries re-charged." If this does not come to those who work in and attend Sunday School, the organization will die on its feet.

Let us strive for the gifts of the spirit in our work so our efforts will not be in vain. Only when we are inspired by PRINCIPLES can we effectively apply them.

SACRAMENT GEM FOR NOVEMBER

He that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

A family that prays together, stays together.

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Not what you have but the depth of your gratitude for what you have is the measure of your joy.

The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence."

PAGING "BOB JONES"

HIS name isn't really Bob Jones. Maybe it's John Smith. It could even be Betty Brown. But he or she is a very real person whom we've met time and again, and we want to continue meeting him. He's not just the best thing that has happened to MIA. He's absolutely essential to Mutual. He is "Mister (we mean Brother) MIA" iself.

Let us tell you a little bit about him. He grew up in MIA. Wherever he was, there was a friendly, warm, happy feeling. He was always ready to help, to do, to give someone or something a lift. He wore a fine smile along with his sport jacket.

Later, of course, like most boys, he served a "stint" in the army, and he went on a mission. And then he was back in MIA—first as a Scout leader, then as a branch superintendent. Came a day when he was asked to work on the district board. He was sorely missed in the branch for a while. Then it was that one young woman who has a knack for saying what others feel, said: "What every branch MIA needs is a Bob Jones."

We'll go along with that: what every branch MIA needs is a Bob Jones. But we want to add: what every district board needs is a Bob Jones. What every "everything" needs is a Bob Jones.

Of course, Bob is a natural who loves people and a good time. For him, making people feel wanted and popular and important is as natural as breathing. He loves the Gospel and he loves the Church and he loves the organizations, and especially he loves Mutual because it's been so absolutely wonderful for him. Everything and everybody start "looking up" when he is around.

Bob's spirit is as contagious as the measles, his smile as infectious as—why, as any good smile, of course. His verve and enthusiasm are as warming as the summer sun. Actually, good things are caught more easily than bad things. That's why virus doldrums take two steps back and drop to the floor when Bob Jones appears.

We've never heard him really criticize or complain—a little good-natured bantering is part of his special style, but nothing mean or discouraging. He likes people. He does his work. He has fun doing it. It is just that simple and just that great!

We said that his branch missed him, and so they did. Everyone misses Bob Jones except those who are with him. But another Bob Jones came along. They always do. All we need to do is look for him, and all he needs to do is step forward. For nearly everyone has the capacity. It's not always easy, but it's almost always possible. Prayer, and love, and devotion, and hard work, and a great unselfish desire to serve qualify him.

But, of course, he does have to work at it. It takes regular, energetic practice just like basketball, or ballet dancing or violin playing or even marbles. But it's a fun kind of work because it's so worthwhile, such a great blessing, such pure joy!

So here we are paging Bob Jones. Everyone call him. Call him loudly and clearly. Our Father in Heaven has made thousands of him—tens of thousands. Look around you. Have you looked in the mirror recently? Step forward, Bob! Our young people need you. Your Father in Heaven needs you.

The Lord is a good paymaster—you never get Him in your debt.

Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

THIS month we introduce Sister Anita Chote of the Auckland District who has been called to serve as Literature and Social Science Teacher on the Mission Board. Sister Chote has always taken a keen, active interest in Relief Society work and

served not only as a teacher in branch and district, but as branch and district president in the Auckland District. She is very capable and we know that she will fulfill her assignment successfully. The teachers over the mission will greatly benefit from the help which she will be able to give them.

Magazines:

Every day we are having magazines returned to us through the mail. We can only send to the addresses you have given us and are on file. If there is a change of address, please notify Sister Wihongi immediately.

As important as the lesson work is the inspiration which we receive through the pages of the Relief Society Magazine during the recess period, so we ask you to take note that the *yearly* subscriptions will take precedence over *single* copies. Our aim is to have a magazine in every Relief Society home for at least *twelve months* and not just the *eight months* of activity.

Magazine Representatives:

Time of reporting is knocking on the door. You have some weeks yet to *think* about this important event, so that by the end of November you will be *up and doing!* An inaccurate or a lazy report is as helpful to us as none at all so District Representatives help your branches and don't be content with half measures. A REPORT FROM EVERY BRANCH is what we want, correctly filled in and returned to the Mission *no later* than 23rd December. This enables a Mission report to reach Zion on the specified date.

Secretaries:

Reports this last quarter show more care and thought but there are still points to watch for. Carry over balance does not correspond with the last quarter. WE NEED A REPORT FROM EVERY BRANCH to get correct figures. District Secretaries, please help your branches and don't be content with reports from only half of your branches.

A flash attachment found at the College is in the Mission Office. Please contact us if you have information regarding this.

Here and There in The Mission

WAIRAU DISTRICT

By J. N. McDonald, Jr.
Pauline Selwyn

Sunday, September 15th, at Grovetown, Blenheim, Mrs. Mary Christina McDonald passed away after an illness which extended over the past year. The funeral, held on Tuesday, September 17th, was attended by a large crowd showing the esteem in which this dear sister was held. She is survived by six sons, four daughters, and approximately 120 grand, great grand, and great, great grandchildren. The thanks of the family go especially to Mrs. Queenie McDonald who nursed Sister McDonald and was with her when she passed away.

Friday, September 20th, Sister Wetekia Elkington passed away at the home of her daughter in Nelson. Sister Elkington was well known for her courage and fortitude, suffering with paralysis of both legs for the past 19 years. She is survived by a large family who are very active in the Church. Her funeral in Madsen was attended by a large crowd including some of her family who came by launch from Paramatta Harbour.

All who have come in contact with these two sisters, especially the missionaries, will join in expressing sympathy to their families.

The Wairau District Correlation meeting was held at the Nelson Chapel on Saturday, 5th October. Counsellors Rangi Elkington and Nicholas McDonald were in charge owing to the absence of President Ben Hippolite, Snr., who is in the Nelson Hospital.

Everyone in Wairau is anticipating the Hui Pariha in Blenheim on the 19th and 20th of October. Most of the auxiliary heads are in a whirl of preparations and programme arranging. We hope the second round of Huis for Wairau will be the best ever.

Grovetown:

Reporter J. N. McDonald, Jnr., and his family have left the district for Western Samoa after a delay of a month. A large crowd saw them off at the Airport in Woodbourne. We all send greetings and best wishes in their new surroundings.

Main interest of this branch is the coming Hui Pariha which is to be held at the Wairau Pa next month.

Our Aroha and Kia Ora to all friends and loved ones everywhere.

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HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

By Ella Hawea

Hello, everybody!

The M Men and Gleaners of the Hastings Branch held an enjoyable "Afternoon Ball" on 28th September. Commendations to Sister Gloria Southon.

Following the Mahia Hui Pariha, President and Sister Ballif journeyed down to Hastings where a meeting was held with Priesthood members of the District.

A Polynesian Social was held in the Napier Branch to raise funds. Garden plots on the chapel grounds also have been allocated to the members to plant vegetables.

From Te Hauke Branch comes news of the "Twins" 21st birthday—Peter and Paul, sons of Brother and Sister Patu Wairama. Three hundred guests

attended. Brother Paul is at the College Temple Project.

District leadership and Elders' Quorums meetings are a "must" for everybody—the first and last Sundays. "For a place of Thanksgiving for all Saints and a place of instruction for all those who are called to the work of the ministry in all their several callings and offices."

Be with you next month. Cheerio.

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KING COUNTRY DISTRICT

By Ruby Hooper

Otorohanga:

A King Country District meeting was held September 29th for the purpose of setting up the District Presidency. The former District President, Elder Olsen, has been released. President Ballif presided at the meeting and the new District Presidency is as follows: District President, Brother Ralph Hamon; 1st Counsellor, Brother Ngatokowaru Eketone; 2nd Counsellor, Elder Lee Kaufman; and as Secretary, Elder Murrel K. Runnels. The other officers of the district remain the same. Present at this meeting were 27 adults, most of them holding positions in the district organization, and 21 children.

Within a very short time the attendance at the Otorohanga Sunday School has increased from two or three to 25 adults and 18 children.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Waetapu and family on the loss of their husband and father.

Pureora:

Kia Ora from Pureora. A tasty super brought to a close the farewell party held for Elder Olsen recently. "So long" to Elder Bean who has been called to Auckland, and to take his place we welcome Elder Murphy. We also welcome Brother and Sister Ralph Hamon and family. A nice surprise for them was the arrival of their brother and his wife from Whangarei for the district officers' meeting.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

News is scarce in the branches this month.

The District leadership meeting held at Manaia on September 28th was of the usual high standard with some very good talks and instruction given.

During August in Manaia, the Primary was a busy organization with their birthday party and Sunday evening programme which was climaxed with the graduation of three home-builders — Winifred Manu, Rachel Manu, and Raewyn Carr.

On the 1st September Genealogy members presented a very interesting programme to Manaia members.

Wanganui news is not abundant either. Our new Branch President and his counsellors are getting well organized and will report on all the statistics in the next issue. We are pleased to welcome Elder Leslie to Wanganui and wish him a pleasant stay with us.

On September 20th, Sister Amy Harris' husband, Dudley, passed away. Mr. Harris was 90 years old and our sympathy is extended to Sister Harris and her son, Hiram.

Congratulations to Sister Janet Hikaka of Manaia on the birth of her baby daughter in August.

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BAY OF ISLANDS

By June Rakena

September was a month of much activity in the Bay of Islands District. A music festival was held at the Kaikohe Chapel on 17th September under the direction of Brother Aperahama Wharemate. Present were 151 district members, 57 of these choir members, with five branches represented in the choir. A variety of numbers were rendered ranging from choir numbers to piano accordian pieces. The remainder of the evening was taken up with Maori Culture practice under the direction of the District MIA representative, Brother Graham Alexander.

On the 21st September, the Elders' Quorum commenced their fifth new fencing project. Altogether 19 Elders and six Aaronic Priesthood holders completed 25 chains of fencing in one day, earning a grand sum of £53 toward our district College funds, a wonderful effort by our brothers. Sunday, 22nd, a group of 12 men and five women left on a week's call to the College.

At present the District is carrying out their Hui Peka visits to the scattered Sunday Schools in the area. The District Presidency and the Sunday School Superintendency have visited Mahinepua, Matauri, Whirinaki, Waima, Okaihau, Kaeo, and Pakotai.

Elders Harold F. Wolfgramm and Clive A. Pusey spent a week visiting the Branch Presidencies and Sunday School officers in all the branches but one in the Bay of Islands District. This one branch travelled from Waimamaku to Kaikohe to save excessive travelling for the Elders. Thanks to Branch Presidents for your co-operation and sincere thanks to these Elders who have helped the Bay with a desire to go forward.

On Saturday, 28th, another district leadership meeting was held. The two Mission Elders were present with Elder Wolfgramm giving an inspiring and informative speech.

One release occurred and two members were sustained in the district. Sister June Rakena is sustained as "T.K." reporter, and Sister Aroha Erickson as 2nd Counsellor in the District MIA. Brother Tai Rakena was released from his position as "T.K." reporter with many thanks and appreciation from the district for the work he rendered.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

North Shore:

Kia Ora from across the harbour. MIA held an enjoyable "Fun and Frolic" evening on September 17th at Ye Olde House.

The Relief Society combined with the two Auckland branches on September 28th to hold a successful Bazaar. Our stall sold out quickly the produce and fine displays. A new convert, Sister Katy Hamilton, was welcomed to our Relief Society which is rapidly growing. Sister Florence Galbraith has replaced Sister Gloria Dil as 2nd Counsellor while Sister Dil takes Sister Norma Roberts' place as 1st Counsellor. We are grateful for the valuable service Sister Roberts has given in the past.

The intermediate Sunday School class held an outstanding evening programme on 29th September.

Brother Albert Ryter replaced Brother Stan Philips as 1st Counsellor in the Sunday School Superintendency with Brother Lionel Pederson taking Brother Tom Davies place as 2nd Counsellor. Our thanks to these men who have been released from their work in the Sunday School.

Our Missionary number is growing as we now have three new Elders. They are Elders Dority, companion to Elder Shy and Elders Halverson and Edwards, the latter being the brother of Elder N. Edwards, a former North Shore Missionary.

Brother Thomas Davie thanks all those who sent cards and visited his daughter, Millicent, while she was ill in the Auckland Hospital recently.

Sister Lorna Murfitt has been sustained as drama director in the MIA.

Tamaki:

Hello, "T.K." readers. On the 14th of September the Primary children went on a "Trail of Knowledge." They attended the theatre to see "Oh My Papa" and later were shown over the Central Fire Station. The children saw the station in action after receiving an alarm, "Fire."

In a combined activity night, the MIA members and friends had an enjoyable evening. An interesting Fireside Chat on Temple Marriage was enjoyed by all who attended.

Congratulations to Sister Lona Pratt and Brother Derek Purdue who have been called as Sunday School Teachers. We are also pleased to note that Sunday School attendances have continued to exceed 100.

Auckland Second Branch:

Greetings. The first Sunday evening of the month was Genealogical Committee programme. At this service we had the opportunity of hearing from our two Sisters from Australia.

The third Sunday our Sacrament service was conducted by Elder Rosenval's crew from the College. Two of the speakers were from our own district, and besides timely remarks these young men rendered some very beautiful music.

On the 20th of September we held our Gold and Green Ball to the theme "Gold and Green Ball." Decorations were very simple but effective. We take this opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard to make this night a success. The floor show, a mambo, was well done. The young folk were taught and led by a professional dance instructor.

Our Senior Sunday School has had some wonderful 2½-minute talks and the Junior Sunday School as well. It is thrilling to hear the little ones get up and do so well.

September 10th saw a large number of Saints on the wharf to farewell another group of returning Missionaries. We are grateful for the work performed by these young men.

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Fern Lyman

Hi, there. The Waikato District Primary is now fully organized with Sister Janet Piper as President and Supervisor of the Co-Pilots; Sister Thelma S. Maxwell 1st Counsellor and Home Builders' Advisor; Sister Carol Dyer 2nd Counsellor and Advisor of the Younger Group; Sister Liza Hapeta as Secretary; and Sister Keene as District Trailbuilder Leader. They were grateful to have thirteen Branch and Neighbourhood Primary representatives to District Leadership in September.

The changes in the District YMMIA include: Brother John Smith, Activity Counsellor; William Kairau, M Men Leader; William McOnie, Jr. M Men Leader; and Tata Parata as Sports Director.

We regret the release of Sister Wati Martin as Activity Counsellor in the District YWMIA; however, her capabilities are urgently needed in her branch. Congratulations, Hamilton, our loss is your gain. To replace Sister Martin, Sister Margie Ahmu was sustained Sunday, 6th October. Sister Stevens has been chosen as District YWMIA Maori Director.

On Thursday, 26th September, the Hamilton Branch held their Gold and Green Ball, a very successful evening. The following Saturday, 28th September, the LDS College held their Gold and Green Ball, and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Lots of health germs to Sister Terena Berryman, District YWMIA President, who has been in the hospital for some time.

On October 13th a new Home Sunday School was organized at the home of Brother Waka Ruha Ruha with Brother and Sister Andrews appointed as supervisors of the Huntly Mines Sunday School.

Deaths in the District were Sister Johnson, the wife of Brother Simon Johnson of Hoe O Tainui; the infant child of Brother and Sister Robert Te Moananui, of Waihi; and Brother Mu Maihi and Brother Toko Whare of Waikaretu. We would like to send our condolences to the families and friends of the departed ones.

Ki *Te Karere*. Mahau e panui atu Ki nga Topito e Wha ote Motu Kua mate a Takahi (ara a Toko) Whare Hetaraka o Waikaretu Takiwa o Waikato. He Tangata pai tenei he ngawari tona ahua he rangatira no nga Hapu eno ana i tenei wahi. Note 7 onga ra

o Hepetema i mate ai He mate ohorere; ite (pneumonia) Tino nui Te tangata i haere mai itona nehunga Ona Hoa Pakeha me nga iwi Maori I kawea atu kite wahi tapu o ona matua i Pukerewa na Phil T. Aspinall i tuku atu Kite Kopu ote Whenua.

Ku mate ate Haemata Marshall, te wahine a Henare Marshall o (Limestone Downs) Waikaretu ona Tau e 60. He maha ona iwi haere mai Kitona Matenga. Haere e Kui Haere Kite Kainga Tuturu Kinga Matua ite oa Wairua. Haere Kite Okioki. Kua ente ia Koe tau mihana i haere mai ai Koe Ki Konei, Kua Kopi te mata ote whenua ia Koe. Na Phil T. Aspinall i ripoata.

At our recent District Leadership meeting, Dr. Boyack spoke encouragingly on the College programme.

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Dick Horsford

Emphasis this past month has been on College-Temple funds as the members endeavour to overcome the deficit. An enjoyable Gold and Green Ball was held at Te Horo recently with £17 profit going to the College fund.

In addition to the Elders' Quorum and leadership meetings being held in Whangarei, a repetition of these meetings is held on he fourth Saturday in the Whangaruru area to enable the Saints in that area to attend.

The Moerewa and Whangarei Branches have recently conducted their Hui Pekas.

At the Whangaruru meeting two weeks ago, about £30 was raised for College funds. This was done with the sale of seafoods, soft drinks, and lunch, including the proceeds from a dance held in the evening. After the meetings were over, Te Horo, who had travelled out to the meeting with a basketball and football team, played the local teams, and the proceeds from these games went to the College fund.

The following Saturday, Whangaruru travelled to Te Horo to play the return matches and took some more seafoods with them. They were met in true Maori style welcome and later at a Hangi and dance in the evening. The result, an enjoyable day and another £40 added to the College.

A fortnight ago another group of 20 men and two cooks spent a week at the College.

Maromaku:

Those who attended the Gold and Green Ball at Pipiwai had an enjoyable time.

A very good MIA Music Festival was held on September 17th.

Visitors to the Priesthood meeting on Sunday, 22nd, were Brother Roger Hamon and Elders Paxman and Jordan. Sunday evening, Elders Wolfgramm and Pusey gave instructions to Branch and Sunday School officers.

An open night was held at MIA on 24th September. Elders Paxman and Jordan spoke, one giving a timely talk on the importance of Temple marriage.

Welcome visitors during the school holidays were Ken and Sid Going. Sister Muriel Hay was also home for a week.

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CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT

"Hullo" from the "Mainland" to all "T.K." readers in the Mission and elsewhere. Christchurch has assumed the mantle of Spring and our gardens both public and private are certainly showing off Nature's best.

The work in the Branch is centred around our coming Hui Pariha at Labour Week-end. A cordial invitation has been sent to all members, friends, and investigators and this promises to be our best Hui ever. MIA, Primary and the other groups are hard at it together with a choir under the leadership of Elder Johnston.

The Priesthood is very busy raising the necessary money to meet our assessments towards the College-Temple fund and we thank Avis Fau, Mahara Te Aika, and Vernice Wi-

neera for helping the Priesthood. We are now assured of raising the necessary funds by the time the College is opened.

A surprise visit from President Ballif stimulated the Branch Presidency to action regarding a chapel and from now on it will be a matter for the Branch to "put their shoulders to the wheel."

Our Elders are working hard and we have some fine Investigators attending our meetings.

Highlight of the month was a picnic under the MIA held at South New Brighton on Saturday, 21st September, at Jellicoe Park. About 40 were in attendance and the weather was fine. Varied games were played and the folowing day at the chapel saw many stiff people. Baden Pere was with us and we are all looking forward to seeing him at the Hui.

This is all the news for now. The Branch sends its regards to all members of the Mission and will always be pleased to meet visiting members at any time.

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BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

By Messines Rogers

Kawerau report 100% Branch Teaching for September plus a visit to Whakatane by Brothers Luxford Walker and Ray Ritchie.

Visitors to Kawerau were Brother and Sister Lester Harris and Tini Soloman of the College. Brother Harris spoke at the District Leadership meeting held 15th September in Rotorua.

The family of Brother John Murphy made a "trek" to Auckland on September 28th for the wedding of their son.

The Kawerau Men's and Ladies' Basketball teams, including some investigators, visited the College and after their matches toured the Project.

The Bay of Plenty District Hui Pariha was held at Mangakino on 5th and 6th October. Tumuaki Ballif, Elder Hay, Elder and Sister Mason, Sister Tia Wihongi, and Brother Dorrington were among the Mission Board officers present to instruct and enjoy the spirit of this Hui. All officers of the District under Brother Pera Engaio worked hard to organize the smooth running of the conference.

Brother Skips was released as Tokoroa Branch President with a vote of thanks and Brother Vernon A. Fiddes was set apart for that position. We are sorry to lose Brother Skips and his family who have left the District.

The theme of Hui Pariha directs our attention to the appropriate and timely warning given by Alma in the *Book of Mormon*:

"Be hold this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God."

Bay of Plenty sends congratulations and Birthday Greetings to the *Te Karere* on reaching its 50th birthday.

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MAHIA DISTRICT

By Riripeti Ataria

The Kaiuku Sunday School and Relief Society meetings have a good percentage of attendance even though their numbers are few. Sister McKay is Primary Prseident and a Home Teacher on the Genealogy Committee.

£28 is to be handed over to the College fund as the result of a successful dance and "Bring and Buy."

The Wairoa Branch held their Branch leadership meeting. There is more interest in Genealogy work as one meeting produced 11 sheets and a request for Genealogy records.

The Nuhaka auxiliary meeting was well attended. Brother Otene Pomare visited the Branch and gave some very helpful suggestions on teaching aids.

The MIA held their programme on Sunday, October 6th, and a fireside chat followed.

Choir practices for Aaronic Priesthood boys and adults are held Sunday afternoons.

President Dave Smith and Stuart Whaanga attended the Relief Society

culminating programme for the year. It was entirely in Maori — hymns, prayer, quizzes, etc. Bits of native trees tested the ability of the members to give their correct names. Maori songs and chants were sung and legends told. Refreshments were a novelty served from flax plates with mussel shells for spoons. Sister Solomon won the "best attendance" prize of a bouquet of native flowers.

The Hui Pariha was a very successful programme. The Elders and their wives with members of the Aaronic Priesthood were gathered on Saturday evening. Sunday, the Relief Society and Priesthood held their meetings followed by the 1st General Session. A lesson was given by President and Sister Ballif, followed by the last general session.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

Preparations are being made for the coming Hui Pariha which will be held at Porirua on November 30th and December 1st.

Recent appointments in the District are: Sister Polly Tarawhiti, Relief Society President; Brother Edison Wineera, 2nd Counsellor in Geneology; Brother Emeron Elkington, YMMIA Activity Superintendent; Sister Tillie Katene, YWMIA Age Group Counsellor; and Sister Mamie Pohatu, Activity Counsellor.

We welcome Sisters Emmett and Palmer to the district and say farewell and many thanks to Elder Tweedie who has returned to the States.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Alec Wineera, Snr., of Porirua, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, and Sister Lucy Kaman on passing her State Nursing Finals.

Visitors to the district have been Elder Adams of the Mission Presidency with Elder Jorgenson, Secretary of the Mission Elders' Quorum.

Porirua Branch:

The MIA held their "Gay Life" M Men and Gleaner Week with visits to films, dancing, and Relief Society. Introducing the MIA Reading Course, a pageant portraying the Life of Christ was conducted by the MIA for their Sunday evening service on October 6.

We welcome home Brother and Sister Emeron Elkington who have returned from the College and Sister Marie Te Hira.

Released from Sunday School secretary is Sister Myra Wineera with Sister Rangi Parata sustained to that position.

Wellington Branch:

Assigned to MIA: Brother Paogonui Suâ Filo, Group Counsellor; Sister Marlene Kingi, Activity Counsellor.

Back from a holiday in Australia with her family is Sister June Parkes. She was accompanied by her sister and a girlfriend.

Brother and Sister Robb, from Palmerston, are new branch members.

Appointed as 2nd Counsellor in Branch Presidency is Brother Paul Suá Filo and as Branch Secretary, Brother Paongo Suá Filo.

Hutt Branch:

A successful music festival was held by the branch choir conducted by Brother George Tuau.

Brother John Naylor is a new member of the building committee.

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OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin Branch:

Hello from the Dunedin members! Our numbers seldom increase, in fact, it's more farewells than anything. A short supper following the evening service gave members an opportunity to say farewell to Brother and Sister W. Stone and their daughter, Karen. Elder Fowler was moved to Invercar-

gill with true missionary speed. We welcome Elder Bingham.

The MIA is keeping the members in a competitive spirit. The best article costing not more than 2/6 to make came out on top. Winners were Sister Brown and Sister Duncan. Brother Duncan took first honours for his article out of a sugar bag in the men's section.

Thanks go to Brother L. Duncan for equipping our meeting hall with a sound system available to the hard of hearing.

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MANAWATU DISTRICT

By Delia Steele

Greetings to everyone, especially those at the College.

President and Sister Ballif and Bonnie were visitors to the Tahoraiti Branch on the 13th September, and a pleasant evening was spent in their company. The Branch also was visited by the District Genealogy Chairman and District MIA Supervisor.

The closing of the Basketball season in Dannevirke saw the YM and YW-MIA teams winning the Competition Cup, Knockout Cup and the Knockout Handicap. Table Tennis is taking the place of Indoor Basketball in the sports line.

Sister Daphne has been released from the Primary with a vote of thanks for all she has done and Sister Treve Timu sustained in that position. The Dannevirke Primary is going well under Sister Rangi Taurau and the District Primary Officers.

Home from the College is Brother and Sister Dick Marsh.

News from Levin: Two girls, Piri Heremaia and Grace McDonald, graduated from Primary on the 29th September, 1957.

On 20th September, Palmerston North held a big social and dance to which all Branches in the district were invited. It was a great success—especially the ballet sequence given by the male population of the Palmerston North Branch. On the 12th October a MIA social and dance was held.

We welcome into the District Elder Blain Morgan who has been with us a short while. Sisters Emmett and Palmer and also Brother and Sister Robb and family have gone to Wellington.

Brother Baden Pere has been sustained as 2nd Counsellor in the District.

STATISTICS

Hawkes Bay:

Blessings.—Edward, Rakai Hikora Tereki, by Hamiora Kamau. Hokianga, Richard T., by Tahaka McIllroy. Campbell, Mary Jane, by James Puriri, Jnr. Hapi, Patricia K., by President A. S. Ballif.

Baptism.—Waihi, Atareta Irani, by Jury, Thompson, confirmed by Torium Reid.

Ordination.—Karaitiana, John W., by Torium Reid, Teacher. Wihongi, Richard, by James Puriri, Jnr., Priest.

King Country:

Priesthood Ordination.—Himiona, Te Riwhi (Pureora), by President A. S. Ballif, Elder.

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Taranaki:

Baptisms.—Lewis, Valda (New Plymouth, by Elder Hatch, confirmed by Elder Briggs. Lewis, Peter (New Plymouth), by Elder Briggs, confirmed by Elder Hatch.

Auckland:

Baptisms.—Belcher, Rona May, by David Summerhays. Chambers, Graham Leonard, by Lyman K. Tolman. de Sesville, Sylvia Claudia Heuge, by Lyman K. Tolman. Te'-auanae, Olivakaatui Tolai, by Talvelevave Le'auanae. Rood, Christopher Stephen, by Jesse Rood. Dil, Christina Anne by Wilford Dil.

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Waikato:

Births.—A son to Nancy and George Kaka; a daughter to Paye and Willie Owens; a daughter to Elder and Sister Ririe.

Ordinations.—Tini Rau Solomon; Brian Hollis; Murray Watene; Willie McOnie; Robert Ngawaka; Mita Watene; L.D.S. College Branch. All ordained Elders on the 14th of August.

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Bay of Plenty:

Priesthood Ordinations.—Ritchie, Ray (Kawerau), Elder. Fiddes, Vernon (Tokoroa), Elder. Rei, Otere (Rotorua), Teacher. Mackie, Benjamin (Rotorua), Deacon.

Births.—A son to Brother and Sister L. Walker. A daughter to Brother and Sister Risetto.

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Mahia:

Ordinations.—Brown, Timu Midgley, Elder. Brown, Eru, Elder. Mataira, Tukareaho, Teacher. McKenzie, Michael, Deacon. Mataira, Turei, Deacon. Mitchell, Donald, Deacon. Ataria, Karipa, Deacon.

Monte Walker received a certificate for attending all Priesthood meetings throughout the year.

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Wellington:

Baptisms and Confirmations.—Enai, Robert, by Tenanakia Tahau, confirmed by President Stinson. Katene, Irirangi Louise, by Tenanakia Tahau. Parai, Monica, by Tenanakia Tahau, confirmed by Norman W. Seasoms. Moriarty, John, by Emeron Elkington. Daymond, Tiori, Jr., by Emeron Elkington. Kohe, Toarangatira, by Emeron Elkington.

Blessings.—Tuau, Rexina, by Richard Fred Smith.

Marriages.—Wharerau Parata to Meta Kauri.

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Otago:

Blessings.—Janene Mary Matheson.

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Manawatu:

Ordinations.—Dunlop, Jimmy, teacher.

Births.—To Brother and Sister Karaitiana, a daughter. To Brother and Sister Guy Abbott, a daughter. To Brother and Sister Jim Templeton, a daughter.

Deaths.—Te Whaiangaroa Wirihana.

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he sees."—Mark Robertson.

"And he also commanded them that the priests whom he had ordained should labour with their own hands for their support . . . And the priests were not to depend upon the people for their support; but for their labour they were to receive the grace of God, that they might wax strong in the Spirit, having the knowledge of God, that they might teach with power and authority from God."
(Mosiah 18:24, 26.)

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The President's Page

By PRESIDENT ARIEL S. BALLIF

SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS WITH THE SAVIOUR

IT is Christmas time again. At this season for generations the Christian world has been reminded of the significance of Christ's mission as the Son of God and the Saviour of mankind. Things of great moment have borne witness of His divinity.

An angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds testifying of the Saviour's Birth, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly hosts, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13-14.) The shepherds verified the heavenly manifestation by finding the Babe as directed by the angel, lying in the manger.

Jesus began His ministry when He came to John for baptism. This was an account of great import as Jesus indicated when He said, "Suffer it to be so now: For thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." (Matt. 3:15.) The importance of this moment is doubly emphasized in the voice from Heaven which proclaimed, "This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Further significance is attached to baptism when Christ, speaking to Nicodemus, said, "|Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

The Saviour taught us significant lessons in life situations when He pointed out that an essential step to perfection is, "Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me." (Mark 10:21.)

And again when He cautions us about judgments of our fellow men, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone." (John 8:7.) Even though the sin was grevious He opened the way for the repentent sinner.

As He proceeded in His ministry the testimony of His Eternal Father is heard again on the Mount of Transfiguration to ensure the world and to particularly inform His apostles of the importance of His Son's mission upon the earth as the voice out of Heaven proclaimed, "This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 17:5.)

This sacred moment was important to Peter who later testified with the confidence born of the Holy Spirit when he answered the Saviour's question, "But whom say ye that I am?" He spoke without hesitancy, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:15-16.)

Later when He had paid the supreme sacrifice and had risen from the grave, He walked on the shores of Galilee where the apostles, with their fellows, were fishing. You have read many times the story which points out that their catch was insignficant until He

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Women's Corner

By SISTER ARTA BALLIF

IT is a good thing to observe Christmas. It is a wise and wholesome custom for men, women and children to stop work and make merry together. Little ones in France, so I have heard, dream on Christmas Eve of Pere Noel; in Germany, of Kris Kringle; in Belgium, of St. Nicholas; in America, of Santa Claus; and although the Syrian children have no such person to dream of they leave bowls of grain and water outside their doors for the weary little camel that accompanied the Wise Men.

It is an old Irish custom to place a candle in the widow on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child on His way. Tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water in Czechoslovakia and in Norway burning torches are carried to church. Christmas is observed in different ways in different countries. Customs vary with geographic and racial societies. But all people have similar hopes and desires for happiness and peace and it is good for all to observe Christmas.

"But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day," said Henry Van Dyke, "and that is, keeping Christmas." He explained further:

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas."

You can keep Christmas if you are willing to stop asking how much your friends love you but ask yourself whether you love them enough. You can keep Christmas if you can remember that love is the strongest thing in the world, stronger even than hate or death, and that Jesus made this truth shining clear.

If you can keep Christmas for a day, "why not always?" asked Mr. Van Dyke, and advises that "you can never keep it alone."

It is good to observe Christmas in whatever way you are accustomed, but it is infinitely better to keep Christmas all the year through.

"Speak not at all in any wise, till you have somewhat to speak."—Carlyle.

Joy to the World

We as members of the Church of Jesus Christ have the greatest message of JOY that can be proclaimed to the world.

"The Lord is Come." The Gospel of Salvation has been restored to be taught to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. All mankind might receive this Joy of Salvation in accepting Jesus Christ as the literal Son of God and by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

In this month is celebrated the Birth of Him who is the author of our Salvation and Eternal JOY—Jesus Christ, Our Saviour. Our Church rightfully bears His name and we bear testimony of Jesus *as* The Christ, the Son of the Living God.

"He lives, all glory to His name. He lives, My Saviour still the same;
Oh, sweet the JOY this sentence gives. I know that My Redeemer lives!"

May we endeavour to live righteously and be an example to guide others to the truth and light of the Gospel. May we desire to give JOY TO THE WORLD!

Tena ra Koutou e Hoa Ma

From TUMUAKI GORDON C. YOUNG

TENA RA KOUTOU E HOA MA. President Ballif has kindly asked me to write this article telling of the beginning of the wonderful building programme that will soon come to fruition in our beloved mission.

First, Sister Young, Kathy and Gordon are well and we are happy. Kathy just turned eleven, and Gordon will soon be eighteen, so you see time is going by. We all send our love, and never a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts.

In June, 1948, we were called to preside over the New Zealand Mission, and President McKay was head of the missions, but at the time of our being set apart he was ill and unable to be with President George Albert Smith and President J. Reuben Clark.

After these brethren had set Sister Young and I apart, and were giving us general instructions, President Smith said to me, "Brother Young, for nearly twenty years they have talked of a new school in New Zealand to replace the old M.A.C. destroyed by the earthquake, but nothing has been done about it. Will you see if you can do something about it?"

That was the only assignment I had, and it was verbal.

BUILDING NEED:

Upon arriving in New Zealand, and seeing our need for buildings of all kinds, the shabby old headquarters, the little chapel where there was an average of about thirty-five members attending, and the Maori branch meeting in the Druids Hall with all the beer bottles and cigarettes to be cleaned up each Sunday morning before Church, we felt that the time had come when better things for the Church should be forthcoming. My two predecessors had had a long war and the aftermath to contend with; the country was depleted of all materials; and the stringent laws made any building almost impossible.

The Land Sales Court law was in effect, and also Section 51 of the Returned Servicemen's Act. These two laws slowed the sales of any kind of property down to where I was informed it would be impossible to buy property.

We did get permission from the brethren to build some small buildings up in Ngapuhi; and through some fine co-operation from some of our few experienced buliders in the Mission, we were able to get a chapel at Pipiwai, Mataraua and Waimamaku. Just small but certainly better than nothing. Later, through more help from other districts, a fine little hall in Awarua was finished, and what a blessing to those people. I'm purposely not going to mention names but you all know the fine men to whom I refer; I would hate to slight anyone.

We knew we must get to higher up officials in the Government, and we made the acquaintance of Mr. Peter Frazer, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Nash; and many of the Ministers of the Crown then in office. We knew we must in some way get the permits necessary to build.

We bought the lovely home in Remuera; and the purchase of this place helped our prestige tremendously. It also served well for an office and a mission home for nearly five years.

The mercury car also helped our prestige as it was the first new auto in New Zealand for over ten years. As you remember later, we sold it for enough to buy Vuna Wolfgram's

home where we housed the work missionaries that helped build the Auckland Chapel. We even called it "The Mercury House," and how we appreciated the food and services that were contributed there to take care of the workmen! Brother Otto Buehner and I came there one day when our truck arrived from down around Nuhaka with beef and potatoes and kumaras, etc. Brother Buehner was out there helping us set up our block plant at the College ground where there were thousands of blocks sitting around in the paddocks at the College that had been made by a fine group of work missionaries, Pakeha, Maori and Samoan. Pardon my digression, but the memories come surging back as one thing suggests another.

We were still looking for a section to build a new church in Auckland; for, as you remember, when we finally got the Maori and Pakeha branches together and all our other fine Island people, things began to move; we first took out the partitions in the old mission home and used that additional space; then the chapel and the old mission home got too small, and I was able to get the Bible Society out of the old house next door. We tore the partitions out of that, and used all three places. We were thrilled with the increase in membership. We had been corresponding with the Church headquarters on a new chapel, and finally they sent us some plans with provision to seat one hundred and twenty people. We sent them back and told them we already had many more than that number attending Church. There were nearly four hundred attending when we left to come home.

COLLEGE SITE SELECTED

One day I made another trip to Hamilton to try to find some land. I had made many inquiries at the Real Estate offices, only to be told they had no property for sale. This day I called again and was told the same thing, that because of the Land Sales Court no one was selling their property because they had to take prices that had been frozen in 1942, and there had been a raise there the same as in America and people would not sell at 1942 prices, so there was nothing.

Then, this day, as I turned away from the counter after being turned down again, a man who was standing by the door said, "Pardon me, sir, but I heard you inquiring for some farm land." He said, "I know of a place of a friend of mine; it isn't for sale as he isn't a returned serviceman, and he couldn't buy another place, but he said he would trade it for a smaller acreage."

Naturally I was grasping at straws, and asked him where it was. He said, "About three miles out of Frankton Junction." I asked to see it. He said, "Well, it isn't for sale; the owner might trade it." I knew I must see it, and so used my most persuasive manner. But when he still hesitated I said, "I have the Mercury out here, and we can drive out and see it."

Everyone knew the Mercury, and he wanted to ride in it, I'm sure, so he agreed to take me out, assuring me several times on the way that the property wasn't for sale.

As we turned on the Tuhikaramea Road and got out toward the land he said, "You see that hill ahead, that is on the land."

Not only did I see the hill but I saw many buildings upon that hill and knew we had found the place to build our school.

We stopped by the fence, and Mr. Meldrum and another man were down the hill in the paddock. They had an old sledge stacked with bags of lime, their faces were covered with it as the wind was blowing, and as they sowed the lime, some of it had clung to their sweating faces. I said to my companion, "Is that the owner?" He said it was. We went down the hill and met Mr. Meldrum, and I told him there would be a beautiful school built up on the hill where his house stood, and that the side hill would be

covered with stadium seats; and the paddocks in which we were standing would be the playing fields.

He said he couldn't sell, etc., etc., but the Lord wanted that land and we tied it up that day, going with him into the bank at Frankton. This glorious blessing to all of us came on Monday, May 23rd, 1949. Nearly nine years ago.

When Mr. Meldrum said he couldn't sell his land because he wasn't a returned veteran, and under Section 51 of the R.S.M. Act he wouldn't be able to buy another place, I promised him I would get a letter from the Government setting aside the law in his case. He seemed surprised that I would make such an offer, but I did have an entree with the Prime Minister, Peter Frazer, and other officials, and I knew the Lord wanted that land and would open the way.

Well, as time went on and I was making arrangements to get the letter, an election was held and the entire Labour Government was voted out of office and an entirely new regime came into power.

Well, it's a long story of how we left Mr. Meldrum on the farm after tying it up. We even bought some better cows and a Fordson tractor and other equipment; and the Church shared the cream check with the Meldrums, as the wheels turn slowly in things of importance such as this.

We had decided to tear down all our old buildings in Auckland and build a wonderful chapel; and naturally we had to have permission for that building. Here another near miracle was accomplished in our getting the first permit to build a building on Queen Street in fifteen years. Many busness men in Auckland were quite outspoken on why the Mormon Church, of all people, should be given permission to build when others had been refused. We knew the Lord wanted that lovely chapel; and I had many contacts with architects, builders and suppliers that came because of that building. Again I'm a little ahead of my story.

As we were getting things lined up for a building programme, naturally, we would have to have a superintendent from America, and although we weren't ready in New Zealand, we got word that an Elder George R. Biesinger was being sent out.

ELDER BIESINGER ARRIVES:

On Monday, April 17, 1950, we went out to Whenuapai Airport to meet the Biesingers, George and Audrey, and George Jr., Steven and little Kathy; also another non-paying pasenger that was born in New Zealand some three weeks later.

Elder Biesinger and I left almost the day after they arrived for the Islands; I left Elder Biesinger in Samoa and went on my trip to Rarotonga. Later all the Biesingers went to Samoa, and George worked there until we were ready to start on the chapel in Auckland.

They arrived nearly eight years ago; and we all know and appreciate what this wonderful man and his family have contributed to this great enterprise.

Again, to go back a little. When the Government changed I knew we must meet and get the support of the new regime; and I called on Mr. Holland on February 21, 1950, and told him of our desire to build a college and some new chapels, specifically at Kaikohe, Hastings, Porirua and Gisborne, as well as the new college. He was very gracious and asked me to write a letter of request which I did.

By the way, on that same day, I met with the Hon. Peter Frazer in his reduced office. He was now the leader of the Opposition and I quote from my journal: "Met Mr. Peter Frazer at 1:00 p.m., per appointment and spent an hour and a half in his office preaching the Gospel to him. He was too busy when he was Prime Minister but now is just a fine old man divested of all honours and trying to adjust himself after fourteen years

in the top position in New Zealand. He has 'What of the Mormons?' my 'Americas Before Columbus,' 'Riggs Ready Reference,' the 'Conference Issue of the Era,' and a 'Book of Mormon.'"

On Sunday, the 26th February, 1950, we had had a Hui Peka at Tahoraiti and an early evening meeting so people could get home to milk. Polly and Wi Duncan had just served one of their wonderful meals to a hungry Tumuaki and many others when Polly said, "You know, Tumuaki, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Holyoake, lives here in Dannevirke, and he is home for the week end." Again, that surge of feeling that I must see him. I said, "Polly, can you get me an appointment?" We went out to the telephone, my standing by her while she called. Mr. Holyoake was gracious and finally agreed to see us at eight o'clock. Polly, Wi and I went up to his home. There I met one of the finest men of my acquaintance, and it was 11:30 p.m. when we left his home, and we knew we had made a friend.

Subsquently it was this fine man who made appointments for me to meet his colleagues—the other Ministers of the Crown—the Honourable Mr. Goosman, the Honourable Mr. Corbett, and others. They became my friends, and I have always admired Mr. Goosman who, in the face of possible criticism, told Mr. Hammond, the Building Controller of New Zealand, to authorise the building by our Church of the Chapel in Auckland and the College at Frankton Junction. This in the face of curtailed building activity throughout New Zealand. I have this letter of authorization dated July 25, 1950, signed by R. B. Hammond, Building Controller.

So on that day was launched officially this wonderful programme.

PROGRAMME BEGINS:

Elder Biesinger and I started getting materials together, arranging for steel and our cement from America. You remember the seven months' maritime strike when some of our cement was in the hold of the freighter and was carted all over the South Seas and landed in Australia, and they said they wouldn't return it to New York because of its strike. Thanks to our friend, Mr. Holyoake, we got permission for the ship to sail past all others and be unloaded by ourselves—and how full the garage at Remuera and other buildings were with the sacks of that cement that had travelled so far.

We went up to Ngapuhi and got the bush and bought the sawmill where much of the wonderful timber came from for the College and other buildings.

I could go on and on enumerating the blessings of our Heavenly Father and His goodness to His children and His willingness to use the weakest of His children to accomplish His purposes. When people said things were impossible, we knew that with God nothing is impossible, and we were doing His will, and, oh, how we wish we could feel again that wonderful inspiration that on so many occasions made the way plain, when to all interests and purposes there was no way.

So our hearts are full of gratitude and happiness for you of our beloved mission who have worked long and fatihfully to accomplish this great task. All you wonderful people, Maoris, Samoans, Tongans, Rarotongans, and Pakehas, and the wonderful group of Zion missionaries who have given so unstintingly of time and money to further the purposes of a project they can't possibly profit by materially, but have the more important and deeper satisfaction of having helped in establishing the Kingdom of God on earth.

I'm grateful for my wonderful successors, President Sidney Ottley, and now your beloved President Ballif.

I want to gratefully acknowledge the help of my friends of the New Zealand Government, Prime Minister Holyoake, Messrs. Goosman, Corbett and others; Mr. D. A. Sawers of the Customs; Mr. Hannah of the Reserve

Bank, who on June 8, 1950, gave permission for Rangi and Henare Davies to go to America, the first to be granted that permission in thirteen years. How grateful we were to all who were so gracious and kind.

So we hope to see you in the not too distant future. Until then, may God's choicest blessings continue to be with one and all in our beloved Aotearoa.

TUMUAKI GORDON C. YOUNG.

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appeared and directed them where to cast their nets. Under His direction their fishing nets were filled to overflowing. As they came to shore and prepared their food and shared it with the Saviour, He called their attention to the importance of teaching and leading His flock. He queried Peter, "Lovest thou me . . .?" and as Peter answered vigorously in the affirmative, He said, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-16.) Not once but three times did He present the same question and each time He gave the same admonition—the love of God is best expressed in love of fellow men. This was a great moment when great men were directed toward a most important duty, responsibility, and labour of love, "Feed my sheep."

As Jesus our Saviour hung upon the cross in the agony of physical pain He whispered a most significant statement, "It is finished." (John 19:30.) He was not exclaiming about the physical suffering but He had completed the assignment given Him by His Father to be born into the world, to teach the principles by which man may be resurrected, and by obedience to the same he may have joy in achieving eternal life. He set the pattern of perfection for us to follow. May the spirit of Christmas bring to each of us a greater significance of these sacred moments in His life.

TO ALL M.A.C. OLD BOYS:

On December 30th, 1957, we are planning a reunion for all of the students of the good old M.A.C. and their companions. This will be held at the College. We want to have every man who has ever attended the school who is still alive and in New Zealand to be present.

To you district and branch presidents, please see that all M.A.C. Old Boys in your district or branch receive this invitation.

We will meet the new headmaster and as many of the staff as are present. We will also have a complete tour of the project and finally we will have a real get-together to discuss all of the problems that are really vital to this great organization of fine men throughout the entire Mission.

We will finish our meetings with a good dinner, keeping the costs to a minimum.

This invitation is a follow-up of the recent letter sent out by your President, James, R. Elkington. Let's plan now to be there.

NOTICE

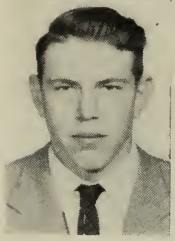
The following "Te Kareres" have been returned. Would you please inform us of the correct address:—

Scotty Walker, Valerie Bartlett, Joe Whare Kura, G. Tairua, Colin Jessup, Mrs. Haari Te Whata, Rangi Te Haki, Mr. R. Tanira, Joe Whare Kura.

Missionary Activities

DEPARTURES—October 30, 1957

ELDER RALPH MERRILL SHY arrived in New Zealand May 5, 1955. Prior to his mission he attended an Eastern University on a scholarship



Elder Shy

and was studying animal husbandry. He laboured in Waikato 11 months; Otago 13 months, where he was District Secretary; Auckland 6 months. He plans to return to school where he will major in Veterinary Science.

Elder Paxman

Returning to Alberta, Canada, is ELDER WILLIAM ROSS PAXMAN. He arrived in New Zealand May 5, 1955, and laboured in the following districts: Auckland 6 months, King County 14 months, where he was Branch MIA President, and as Supervising Elder in the Whangarei District for 10 months.

Prior to his mission, he did some telephone work and ranching and would like to attend school to study Scientific Ranching.

ELDER DON RAY STEPHENSON attended the BYU prior to his mission call. Arriving May 5, 1955, he laboured in Poverty Bay as a district elder for 5 months; Otago 3 months, where he was District Secre-

Elder Stephenson

tary; Wairau 4 months; Wellington 11 months, and the past 7 months in the Auckland District. He plans to attend BYU where he will study Law.

ELDER LYMAN K. TOLMAN returns to his home in Burbank, California, where he will attend school, studying Aeronautical Engineering. Elder Tolman laboured in Cambridge 3 months; Tauranga 10 months; Wellington 1 month; Christchurch 10 months; and in The Mission Recorder's Office the last 6 months of his mission.

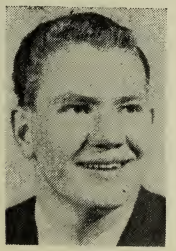
Before coming to New Zealand, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years.

ELDER DENNIS EVERETT WILDE arrived in New Zealand November 11, 1955. He laboured in Hawkes Bay 6 months; Palmerston North 1 month; Mission Office as

Elder Tolman

Assistant Recorder 13 months; 2½ months as travelling Elder and Melchizedek Priesthood Co-ordinator; Otago 1 month and Auckland 2 months.

Before coming on a mission he attended Business College one year and will return to Business School.



Elder Wilde

Returning to his home in Salt Lake City is ELDER DAVID S. SUMMERHAYS who arrived in New Zealand April 25, 1955. He laboured in Hamilton 7 months; Poverty Bay as a district elder 6 months; Napier 9 months; Auckland District 8 months where he taught in the Home Sunday School at Papakura.

Elder Summerhays plans to resume his studies at the University of Utah on his return home.

ELDER THERON DON JORGENSEN, from Castledale, Utah, ar-

Elder Summerhays

rived in New Zealand May 5, 1955. He laboured in Waikato District for 7 months; Auckland 16 months; Otago 4 months; and in the Auckland District as a Travelling Companion to the Mission Counsellor and Mission Melchizedek Priesthood Secretary.

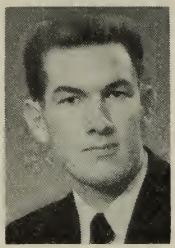
Elder Jorgensen

Prior to his mission call Elder Jorgensen served in the army for two years and plans to attend the BYU.

Also arriving May 5, 1955, was ELDER JAMES ARMAND TWEEDIE from Hurricane, Utah. Prior to his mission he attended Utah State University studying Mathematics. He spent the first 20 months

of his mission in district work, labouring in Bay of Plenty 11 months and Waikato 1 year. He laboured in Wellington District the past 7 months.

Elder Tweedie plans to attend school on his return home.



Elder Tweedie

On November 5th ELDER LYNN SPETH flew to Salt Lake City via Pan American Airways. There he will received medical treatment and be reassigned to another mission.

He laboured in Otago, Waikato, Auckland and Manawatu Districts and in the Mission Office.

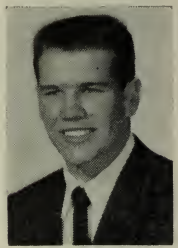
We are sorry to lose Elder Speth from our mission, but we send to him our aroha and the prayers and faith of the Saints and missionaries in New Zealand for a speedy recovery.

ARRIVALS—October 19, 1957

From Duncan Ward, Salt Lake City, comes ELDER RICHARD BERT WINWARD. He attended Utah State University, University of Utah and served as a stake missionary prior to his mission call. He is now proselyting in the Auckland District with Elder Bruce Brunson.

ELDER LAMAR WILLIAMS, from Riverside Ward, Salt Lake City, is now labouring in Auckland District with Elder Gary Sheffield. Prior to his call, he was active in Church work and served as dance director in the MIA. He attended the University of Utah where he was majoring in music.

ELDER JERRY ELDON CLARK from Provo. Utah, is now labouring with Elder Paul D. Halverson in the Auckland District. Elder Clark attended BYU where he was majoring in Marketing. He taught Sunday



Elder Speth

School and was active in Priesthood work. He also served in the army for two years.

SISTER WINNIE R. MORTENSEN comes from El Paso, Texas 1st Ward, and is a graduate of Texas Western University. She was Stake and Junior Sunday School Music Director and is now working with Sister Jenet Watene in Blenheim, South Island.

Also from Salt Lake City is SISTER ZEDA P. SWEAT. Before her mission call she worked for the Geneological Society and in the St. Mark's Hosiptal. She taught Primary and was Drama Director in the MIA. She is labouring with Sister Verna Davis in the Auckland District.

November 9, 1957:

ELDER JOHN ALLEN BRADSHAW from Drummond, Montana, is now labouring in Christchurch with Elder W. C. Carr. He was a counsellor in the Sunday School prior to his mission call and graduated from the University of Montana, where he majored in Secondary Education.

ELDER ROBERT LEON CRANER comes from 14th Ward in Logan,

Utah. He is labouring in Wairarapa District with Elder DeLoy Vernon. Attending the Utah State University two years, he was majoring in Forrestry and Wild Life. Elder Craner was active in MIA and Priesthood work.

Assigned to work with Elder Richard Anderson in the Auckland District is ELDER LARRY DEAN ADAMS from San Jacinto, California. He attended Santa Ana Junior College studying Mechanical Engineering and was actively engaged in Church work at the time of his mission call.

Two more elders arrived November 12, 1957.

ELDER RICHARD JAMES LEONARD comes from 11th Ward, Provo He attended BYU, majoring in Banking and Finance.

He was engaged in Priesthood and MIA activities and also served two years in the U.S. Navy. He is proselyting with Elder R. B. Snow in Waipukurau.

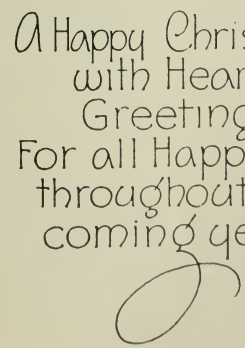
Also assigned to labour in Hawkes Bay is ELDER RONALD JOHN HERMANSEN from San Mateo II Ward, California. He was active in Priesthood and Scouting work and attended BYU where he was majoring in Elementary Education. His companion is Elder Robert L. Sperry.

In the *Book of Mormon* is recorded Alma's instructions to his son, Corianton, before he embarked on his mission:

"And now, O my son, ye are called of God to preach the word unto this people. And now, my son, go thy way, declare the word with truth and soberness, that thou mayest bring souls unto repentance, that the great plan of mercy may have claim upon them. And may God grant unto you even according to my words."

TRANSFERS . . .

ELDER A. D. VERNON from Otago District to Wairarapa District with Elder Robert L. Craner.



FROM THE COLLEGE

WE extend to all "T.K." readers our warmest greetings for a Merry Chrstmas and a Happy New Year.

ATTENTION ex-missionaries, supporters, and those interested in the College activities past and present. A decision has been made to compile a College History Year Book, from the choosing of the grounds by President Young to the opening of school. On Wednesday, 23rd October, a committee headed by Dr. Boyack met to form committees and outline the work to complete the job. The committees are as follows:—

Comics, Drawings, Humour: Chairman, Kahu Pineaha, Malcolm Taylor, Rex Wadham, Sister R. Evans, Prim Harris and Les Clark.

Promotion, Sales, Title, Advertise: Chairman, Elder P. Brown, Sister Brown and George Kaha.

Crew Writings, Pictures: Chairman: Elder Bradley, and crew leaders.

Special Events: Chairman: Joe McDonald, Jane McDonald, John Smith, Putu Smith and Cyril Paea.

Honour Roll: Chairman: Bertie Purcell, Eli Watene, Bill Curnow and Dawn Stockman.

Editing Committee: Chairman: Dr. Clifton Boyack, Cyril Clark, Wati Clark and Ray Park. Other members will be added to the Committee as needed.

This book will contain many of the important events, personal articles, poems, cartoons, etc., that have been contributed by some of our ex and present missionaries, as well as personal, group, and ground photos. As we read this book we will relive our happy days at the College. We are hoping to have approximately 1,000 copies printed about the middle of February, ready for sale at Dedication. Forms will be sent out later for reservations.

We are conducting a contest to find a name for this proposed Year Book. Anyone may submit names that they think suitable, with a small article explaining the meaning of the chosen name. Maori names with special significance would be very interesting. The winner of this contest will be presented with a free Year Book. Please forward all entries to Elder P. W. Brown, c/- The Church College of New Zealand, Frankton.

DO IT NOW!

With the arrival of President Wendell Mendenhall and Dr. Owen J. Cook, President and Executive Secretary, respectively, of the Pacific Board of Education of the Church, many decisions were made. The official name of the College has been established as *The Church College of New Zealand, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.*

The prospectus is at the printers and any persons interested in securing a copy should send their name to the College.

With the arrival of Elder Collin Jones and his family, the course of study materials will be getting under way very soon. Students who plan to attend are urged to send their applications in as soon as possible, as they will be considered on the basis of arrival. Enrollment will be somewhat limited according to Dr. Boyack, because the labour missionaries are still using some of the student housing

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The Mutual Improvement Association

"The Glory of God is Intelligence"

DEAR CO-WORKERS,

At the closing of another MIA year we greet and congratulate you for the achievements and progress you have made in each District and Branch. We sincerely hope and pray that you will continue to progress in future MIA activities.

With Christmas here again, we share with you our thoughts about celebrating Christmas time. We know as Latter Day Saints that during this time we celebrate the Birth of Jesus our Saviour. Let us have the true Christmas spirit in our hearts so we will bring happiness and joy to those with whom we come in contact.

To some, Christmas probably means only the giving and receiving of gifts. For many others a day of gaiety, feasting and celebrating. Every Latter Day Saint should reflect serious thought and proper realization on the significance of Christmas Day. More than any other time the family circle is drawn closer together; thoughts of fathers and mothers are turned to their children and in turn they reflect the love they have for good parents. The hearts of adults and children are made glad by the special decorations in homes and shops and our love for all mankind is increased because of the many warm and cheery greetings.

But it is not for us to set aside Christmas as an occasion of remembering the Lord; we should remember and honour Him every day of our lives. May you all enjoy the spirit of Christmas and may your thoughts be lifted up and your lives enriched through the proper observance of the holiday season.

We hope that this poem will convey our best wishes to all of you:

There's Christmas in the home and Church,
There's Christmas in the mart;
But you'll not know that Christ is,
Unless it's in your heart!
The bells may call across the snow,
And carols search the air,
But, oh, the heart will miss the thrill
Unless it's Christmas there.

—Anonymous.

We thank those who have been faithful, devoted MIA workers nd have contributed so much of your time and talents towards the progression of the MIA programme in the Mission.

Seek wisdom through prayer. If we ask in humble faith then put with that our own ability to do what we can, we can surmount the wall.

—President McKay.

There are these things for which no one has ever yet been sorry:

For doing good to all;
For speaking evil of none;
For hearing before judging;
For thinking before speaking;
For holding an angry tongue;
For being kind to the distressed;
For asking pardon for all wrongs;
For being patient toward everyone;
For stopping the ears to a tale-bearer.

The Star of Bethlehem

By HUGH B. BROWN

THE Star of Bethlehem still shines upon the world. Its beacon light penetrates even the thick darkness of these awful years. He whose birth is heralded became the Prince of Peace and is still the most potent factor in world affairs. His arch enemy had hoped to make the night of war so long and black that they who had believed in the Master's promise of final victory would lose faith and perish before dawn.

There is new hope in the world each Christmastide, a buoyant and dynamic hope. The new pattern of world affairs which has emerged has steeled the courage of millions and caused prayers of gratitude to ascend from every tongue under heaven. There is increasing evidence of a Master design behind the puny plans of our great men.

While the Prince of Darkness almost achieved his boasted victory, there were some brave souls who had not forgotten the majestic assurance of the Master as He was about to leave His small but loyal band of followers. He said: " . . .All power is given unto me, both in heaven and in earth." (Matt. 28:18.) This declaraiton was made at the beginning of the awful night of darkness which followed His departure, and was given to fortify the disciples' faith and steel their courage for the conflict.

The triumphant resurrection of the Lord was a beacon to which they could look, and by which they could chart their course through the storms and nights which were to follow. *He wished them to know that though at times the rough seas and thick fog might obscure that light, there would never be a time when it was not shining.* Amidst all the storms of centuries and the recurring sieges of Satanic horders, this light has remained secure on the immovable rock of eternal truth.

Through the centuries which followed His departure, the people of the world lost their way, not because that light had ceased to shine, but because of sin and transgression, and of false prophets and teachers who led them astray. *There was indeed an apostasy from the truths Jesus taught.*

Apostasy from the Church was followed by apostasy of the Church. Millions thought they were following Him when, in fact, they were following only leaders who had usurped authority and presumed to speak in His name. They were lost in the night whose darkness covered the earth as the waters cover the deep; they could not see the eternal beacon light because they had gone beyond the horizon where the prince of darkness reigned supreme.

In anticipation of the times through which we now are passing, the gospel was restored. Jesus came personally and afterwards sent heavenly messengers to announce the dawn. He directed those who had the authority at the time. He left them to ordain men so that, in His final struggle with the adversary, there would be leaders endowed with power from on high, by which they could match and overcome the agents of the adversary.

The prophecies, declarations, and announcements of the Prophet Joseph Smith as recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants are recognized in the light of history as inspired. The Lord said through the Prophet on many occasions: "A great and marvellous work is about to come forth unto the children of men." (D. & C. 4:1; 6:1; 11:1; 12:1; 14:1.) Something of the grandeur of this work is glimpsed as one reviews the accomplishment of the century which followed this declaration. It was the most wonderful century of which we have record: the most prolific in new discoveries, the most generous in revealing Nature's secrets and her wealth. It was the era in which men learned to co-operate with Nature and to utilize her power for their good and benefit.

But He also warned of dangers to come, of wars and contentions in which these inventions and discoveries would be used by Satan's agents to further his purposes and to bring sorrow, destruction, and death to the world in unprecedented measure. But He gives the assurance that He will not forsake His people and that His purpose shall not fail. Hear Him as He reminds the Prophet that God is omnipotent. "The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught.

"For God doth not walk in crooked paths, neither doth He turn to the right hand nor to His left, neither doth He vary from that which He hath said, therefore, His paths are straight and His course is one eternal round."

(D. & C. 3:1-2.)

The prophets of former times never failed to warn the people of perils to come, but were just as definite in their assurance of final victory. John, while on the Isle of Patmos, alternately gives warning and encouragement in the unfolding of the Lord's glorious vision.

After relating in some detail the great and terrible things which were to come to pass, the vision changes and he tells us: Great promises are given to the children of men.

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bear twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations . .

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

(Rev. 22:2, 14.)

Surely every nation today is in need of the promised healing, but here, as elsewhere, every blessing is predicated upon obedience to law. It is not enough merely to last out the battle; all who would share the blessings must earn their reward.

And so at Christmas time we look forward hopefully to the promises which were made by the men of God who so unerringly foretold events which have come to pass. Yes, the *Star of Bethlehem* still shines upon the world.

(*Digest from "Eternal Quest."*)

Therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

3 Nephi, 12 : 48

"AND IT CAME TO PASS that while they were thus conversing one with another, they heard a voice as if it came out of heaven; and they cast their eyes round about, for they understood not the voice which they heard; and it was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice; nevertheless and notwithstanding it being a small voice it did pierce them that did hear to the center, insomuch that there was no part of their frame that it did not cause to quake; yea, it did pierce them to the very soul, and did cause their hearts to burn.

"And it came to pass that again they heard the voice, and they understood it not.

"And again the third time they did hear the voice, and did open their ears to hear it; and their eyes were towards the sound thereof; and they did look steadfastly towards heaven, from whence the sound came.

"And behold, the third time they did understand the voice which they heard; and it said unto them:

"'Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye Him.'

"And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and He was clothed in a white robe; and He came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon Him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not wat it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

"And it came to pass that He stretched forth His hand and spake unto the people, saying:

"'Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

"'And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.'"

—3 Nephi 11:3-11.

Priesthood Page

PRIESTHOOD REACTIVATION AND MAGNIFYING OUR CALLINGS

O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

(D. & C. 4:2.)

EVERY quorum officer in the Church knows—in a general sort of way,at least—that he is obligated to magnify his calling in the Priesthood. But *how* to go about it, the *steps* that should be taken, the *course* that should be followed—oftentimes these are not so clear to newly installed officers and to those who have not had a reasonably extensive background of Church service.

Actually the course to follow is an easy one— " . . .my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matt. 11:30)—for those who love the Lord and desire to work out their own salvation and help their brethren do the same.

In charting our course, first let us remind ourselves of the definition and nature of that holy authority which we hold. By definition, Priesthood is the power and authority of God delegated to man on earth to act in all things for the salvation of men. A calling in the Priesthood is an appointment to serve in a specified office, an office to which particular duties and responsibilities attach. To magnify a calling is to hold it in great esteem and respect, to see that it is enlarged and built up in importance in the eyes of the Church, to see that every function which goes with the office is performed perfectly so that the attendant blessings will be received.

How, then, does a Priesthood president magnify his calling? He does it by using the Priesthood for the purpose for which it was given him. That is, he uses his Priesthood to minister for the salvation of those over whom he is called to preside. He is called to lead his fellow quorum members to eternal life in our Father's Kingdom.

Now, Brother Quorum President, are you using your high calling to lead your quorum members—both your active and inactive members—to salvation? But, you say, what particular thing shall I do? *Follow the Priesthood Programme of the Church!* It has been tried and tested, and it works. Learn the instructions in the *Handbook*. Make them work in your quorum.

What Is the Objective of Priesthood Presidencies?

"To help every member of their quorums or units to attain to a state of spiritual well-being and to a degree of economic independence and material well-being that will assure adequate food, clothing, fuel, housing, and other needed physical comforts, and educational advantages for himself and his family."

Who Is to Carry Out the Details of This Objective?

To a large extent quorum presidencies must handle the details of their

own quorum business. There are many matters which they cannot delegate to others. But in addition they should organize three standing committees to aid them in their work.

What Duties Must the Presidency Retain to Themselves?

1. To become acquainted with the character, qualifications, and attitudes of all quorum or unit members.

2. To make personal calls upon each quorum or unit member at least once a year, and oftener when necessary, giving deserved commendation, blessing, and encouraging the sick, bereaved and discouraged, ever seeking to awaken and renew good desires among indifferent quorum or unit members.

3. Foster and encourage stake and foreign missionary service.

4. Promote temple work.

5. Keep in constant touch with all quorum or unit members away from home (this includes the implementation of the servicemen's programme) and their families at home.

6. Provide adequate class instruction (including able teachers) and facilities.

7. Teach all quorum or unit members how Priesthood ordinances should be performed.

What Committees Should Be Organized?

Personal Welfare.
Church Service.
Fact Finding and Reporting.

Other committees should be task or sub-committees serving under the direction of the appropriate one of these standing committees. To provide opportunitiies for service and to further the work of the quorum, many task committees should be appointed from time to time.

What Work Should Standing Committees Perform?

Read the *Handbook*, pages 30-38. The objectives and fields of action of each standing committee is set forth. Committees should plan their work for a year in advance; it should be correlated with the plans of the other committees; and then the whole programme should be presented to the quorum for approval at a monthly business meeting.

Who Should Serve on Standing Committees?

A member of the quorum presidency should be the chairman of each committee. Ordinarily the quorum president will be the chairman of the Personal Welfare Committee; the first counsellor, chairman of the Church Service Committee; and the second counsellor, chairman of the Fact Finding and Reporting Committee. The committees are all quorum committees and not group committees, but each group (or at least each major group) should be represented on each committee. The member of the group appointed to serve on the Personal Welfare Committee ordinarily should be the group leader, and he should also be a member of the Ward Welfare Committee in his ward. Committees should be of a workable size. It has frequently been found advantageous to put a few inactive brethren on the standing committees as a means of bringing them into service. Names of members of standing committees should be presented to quorums for a sustaining vote.

Who Should Serve on Task Committees?

Here the emphasis is with the inactive brethren. Get as many as possible on each task committee. The man is more important than the job. When the task is done, discharge the committee with proper commendation. There is no objection to creating task committees primarily for the purpose of providing a church assignment for some inactive brother.

How Often Should Committees Meet?

As often as necessary. Ordinarily standing committees will find it necessary to meet at least once a month.

They should report their activities and receive instructions from the quorum presidency monthly. Task committees probably will need to meet a number of times during the period when the privilege of service on a particular task is being afforded.

What Is the Relationship of Committees to the Presidency?

Committees are appointed by and work for the presidency. But the presidency cannot relieve themselves of the responsibility for seeing that the work is done. A good executive gets others to work, for his benefit and for theirs.

The work to be done by quorum presidencies and committees is both extensive and glorious. Special emphasis is needed everywhere in the field of Priesthood Reactivation. As long as there are those who do not keep all the standards of the Church and who are not sealed to their families in the temples, there will be need for Priesthood Reactivation.

Are we magnifying our callings by bringing the full blessings of the Priesthood into the lives of those with whom we are assigned to labour?

"Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand . . . " (D. & C. 107:99-100.)

(*Reprint from "Improvement Era," September, 1957.*)

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

MUCH has been said about looking back in our lives and wishing we were able to live certain parts of it over again, do certain things which we failed to do, or didn't do as well as we could have done at the time. We speak of these things as lost opportunities. Everything that we do in the Church affords wonderful opportunities for growth and development. What greater opportunities can be found for the growth and advancement of the individual than in the Aaronic Priesthood and the avenues it offers of service to our fellow men. Our happiness in life depends upon taking advantage of these opportunities for service.

The very fact that we are alive and able to go about our duties each day is a great opportunity. Ezra L. Marler made this statement about life and the opportunities it holds for us:

"The greatest opportunity of life is life itself. Here and now is your chance and mine to make for ourselves the kind of life we would like to live forever. Far greater grandeur and magnificence than the mind can conceive; peace, joy, and soulful satisfaction far beyond the power of man to measure is ours now to provide. In a short life here to make happiness for a long life hereafter is our present opportunity."

Our lives truly are great opportunities, but the greatness of life is only measured by how much of it we give in service to our fellow men. To realize the full potential of life itself we should strive continually to give of ourselves to those that are in need of our help, and there really isn't anyone who doesn't need help in some way. In doing this we become better people ourselves. The more we give, the more we become like the things which we impart.

It is amazing just how many opportunities each day brings to us to help our fellow men. We can start in the home with our families. As Priesthood members we should always strive to

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Sunday School

THIS month it is our privilege to commemorate the Birth of the Saviour.

George Q. Morris said in very expressive words: "It is our privilege and our pleasure and our joy to proclaim His divinity, and that fact, the divinity of Jesus Christ, is the centre fact of human existence, and the basic truth in human life. If we do not know that and are not governed by it, our lives will be failures. Unless we have His message and His instructions, we shall not know who we are or what we are; we shall not know how to live; we shall not know what aim to put before us in life, because it is only through the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we know the truth that should guide us day by day and sustain us through our lives and make us truly intelligent beings." Indeed, it is our privilege to commemorate His Birth.

In every field of learning and line of endeavour, it seems that sometime in the course of history someone has set a standard that we go by in passing judgment. Looking at some concrete standards we see men like Shakespeare have been immortalized in the field of drama, and Van Gough, El Greco and others have set certain standards in the field of painting. Schools have grown up all over the earth fostering the ingenius standards set by such individuals.

Standards are set in industry as well, and many of us are more familiar with the trade names of industries than we are with our own. However, in the majority of these schools the criterion for affiliation with them is usually based on a personal like or dislike; what seems attractive to one person may hold no fascination whatsoever for another. So opinion then plays a major roll in schools dedicated to men.

In some respects, we can see a parallel between the Sunday School and the schools of thought we have discussed. Our devotion is paid to a man who sets the standard in a very vast field—how to go about this business of living. The major difference we are reminded of is that Christ's standard is perfect and we as His disciples are left high and dry when we let personal opinion restrain or put reservations on our devotion to this school. In this way, the Sunday School of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is unique.

As members of the Sunday School, the greatest tribute we can pay the Saviour is to resolve this new year that our standards of procedure will not differ from His word and will.

May we realize these Standards can be carried out only through meekness, humility, and long suffering.

ATTENTION TEACHERS . . .

NOW that the first round of Hui Parihas are over, most of you have seen President and Sister Ballif present a lesson. Did you notice how carefully they presented the particular chapter of the *Book of Mormon?* Did you read it over afterwards and see how they covered it all? I hope that all of you who teach made a pledge to yourselves to take the same care as our Mission President and his wife every time you teach a lesson.

All teachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should remember they are teachers of the truth and should know there is no place for half-truths or hearsay in their lessons. If you are

to teach the truth then you must exert yourselves to learn the truth and present it effectively. While aids to teaching are important they cannot and should not take the place of truth. You can do more harm than good if you do not correctly teach the scriptures. The process of "unlearning" is always a difficult one and it can cause loss of faith.

It is part of your calling as a teacher to be well informed on your subject, but if you do get a question that you find difficult to answer do not be afraid to say that you do not know. There are many ways of doing this without using "I do not know." For instance, you can make it a class project by saying "Let us find out for next week." (Of course, this means that you must find out so that you are in control of the situation at the next lesson.)

Teachers should remember that they are teaching an eternal message which is meant not only to be a guide for a minute, an hour or a year, but for a lifetime and beyond. To teach a lesson for 45 minutes every week means much study and work and is a golden opportunity for service which will pay priceless dividends to you if you faithfully do your part. You must always prepare more material than you will use for you cannot teach right up to the edge of your knowledge without being afraid—and if you are afraid your teaching will not be effective.

Jesus said: "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32.)

TEACH THE TRUTH

IF I WERE WISE—
I saw tomorrow passing by on little children's feet,
And on their forms and faces
Her prophecies complete.
Then I saw tomorrow look at me
Through little children's eyes,
And thought how carefully I would teach
If I were wise.

—Author Unknown.

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facilities. This is essential as there is a great amount of work in the project to be carried on and completed by Dedication time. Opening for other students will be announced as space is available.

Work is progressing nicely on the school buildings and an outstanding job is being done by the labour missionaries. They are to be commended for the fine work being done.

Organization is complete now for the Advisory Committee of the Church College of New Zealand. President Ballif (Mission President) is the Chairman of the Committee and the official appointment of other members was during November at the Pacific Board of Education meeting by President Mendenhall. They include: Elder George R. Biesinger, Director of N.Z. Construction Project; Elder Stanford W. Bird, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent; New Zealand Construction Project, Elder Sydney Crawford, Hastings, William Roberts, Auckland, and Selu Louis Fruean, Auckland. This committee has its official meeting after its complete organisation, in conjunction with the Pacific Board of Education, on Thursday, 21st November, 1957, at the Mission Office. With these capable men to assist with the College Programme, its success seems assured.

"And They Shall Also Teach Their Children"

THE Primary Mission Board send their love and Christmas Greetings to all Officers and Children.

May your Christmas be merry,
And your Christmas Day be bright,
Your household ring with laughter
On a happy Christmas night.

OUR PRIMARY STANDARD

SELF-RESPECT.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16.)

December is the start of the two-hour period for Primary: First hour usual lessons; second hour activities. President McKay asks that all Primaries be kept active during holidays as this is when children have the most leisure time.

January brings the completion of our Lesson Books. Be ready with new rolls and Lesson Books for February. Price List in January *Te Karere.*

LESSONS FOR JANUARY, 1958

Youngest Group:

1st Week, Page 174: Planning a Summer Walk.

2nd Week, Page 178: A Summer Walk.

3rd Week, Page 190: Planning a Parade and Programme.

4th Week, Page 193: Parade and Programme for Parents.

Remember your Primary Meetings are for two hours this month. The lessons for the first and second weeks could be taken while you are out hiking or on a picnic. Teach new songs whenever possible.

Make your programmes interesting and the parents aware of what you are doing for their children in Primary.

Co-Pilot Lessons:

1st Week, Page 210: Kindness to Animals.

2nd Week, Page 218: The Beauties of Nature.

3rd Week, Page 229: The Test Flight.

We all love our pet animals; therefore we want to be kind to them. Plan in advance for your second lesson and have it as a Nature walk or a picnic. This is an ideal time of the year for a lesson to help the children understand that Our Heavenly Father is the Creator of all things. Use your Teacher's Kit as directed during your third lesson, and there is the Rainbow Promise that is ideal in the September *Children's Friend.*

The fourth lesson is a climax to our year's lessons. Use your posters from the Teacher's Kit. We do not have a Kiwi, but trace it from your chart and make them. It is important to have this Test Flight Lesson, as it is a memory test and a good review of the most important lessons, before flying into the Top-Pilot group next week. We hope you all pass your flight test with honours.

Trailbuilder Lessons:

The lessons this month are craft activities. Use the Manual suggestions as they are quite simple and most useful. If you find it necessary to make something not suggested, be sure it is worth while and something useful the boys will be proud of.

Happy New Year to you all. Primary never takes a holiday, and we know you love the work and will have something enjoyable for the children for activity during the school holidays. If you feel the need, ask a Priesthood member to help you with these activities. He will be able to give you many

helps and hints and sometimes the boys prefer a man to teach them how to manage tools.

Homebuilders/Seagulls:

1st Week, Page 284: The Light of Faith.

2nd Week: The Contest.

3rd Week: The Pearl of Great Price.

4th Week: In God We Trust.

This month you will complete your Seagull Manuals with the final four stories in the Work and Listen Series. The girls should endeavour to finish their handwork this month. Remind the girls to make use of their scrapbook in the future and to always Serve Gladly. We trust that both teachers and girls have been enriched and their testimonies strengthened through the Seagull course. We wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Relief Society

"HAERE MAI KI TE HUI ATAWHAI"

AT this time of the year our thoughts naturally turn to that great area of SERVICE connected with the life of our Saviour. Most of us are familiar with the story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke.

A Persian nobleman, Artaban, who, having learned of the birth of the Messiah, sells his worldly possessions and buys three precious jewels. He plans to take these as gifts to the Messiah, a token of his love and affection. Stopping to help someone in need, Artaban arrives late in Bethlehem and learns that Joseph and Mary, with the Baby Jesus, have fled to safety. Artaban spends his life in search of the Messiah. In the process he ministers to the distressed and suffering of his fellow men. Three times he comes near to seeing the Saviour, but each time he finds someone in urgent need of his help. One by one, Artaban gives away his precious jewels to help others. He never is blessed with the opportunity of seeing Jesus and feels that he has failed in his mission. Yet as he is dying, he hears a voice saying:

"For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in . . . Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:35, 40.)

Few of us may be called upon to give heroic service such as Artaban, yet every day we have many opportunities to SERVE. To forget oneself in an effort to lighten another's burden, to do a kindly deed, or to show an unexpected act of kindness is to SERVE the Lord by SERVING others. This type of service does not require any special calling, but can go far to help earn for us the promise of Jesus when He said:

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 25:34.) (R.S. Magazine, 1957.)

Each member of the Relief Society Mission Board sends special greetings to the Sisters of Relief Society. May God bless you all.

Genealogy

TO the entire Mission the Genealogical Mission Committee extend love and greetings—that this Christmas and New Year may be outstanding in your lives. It can and will be if you live and work for it. The blessing is yours if you extend your hand and grasp it. Elder Hay especially takes this opportunity to thank those who have been so hospitable and shown such kindness and consideration. May the Lord bless you for it.

On the 30th October, 216 Group Sheets were given Elder Wilde to deliver to the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City. We are happy with the growth of the work and pray it may continue.

How many "Family Organizations" are planning to get together during the Christmas holidays? Can you imagine any better way to celebrate the Birth of the Saviour than for parents, children, and relatives to meet together and bear testimony to the Saviour's mission. It is the time to sing carols around the Christmas tree, play, laugh and eat together, and to better understand one another. You try it out and write in after the holidays and tell us all about it. I will be looking forward to lots of letters.

December 28th and 29th is the dates set for the Mission Convention and we make a special request that *all* District Chairmen and their Counsellors make a point of being at the College on those dates.

At your "get-together" it would be a wonderful opportunity to plan and organize a trip to the Temple, where all who are worthy may go through as a family. I will never forget a sight I saw in the Salt Lake Temple. At one of the sessions there was a father and mother and their entire family and in-laws going through as a family unit. The father was called on to speak in the service before the session, and he told how his heart turned to his Father in Heaven in gratitude for this wonderful blessing and how they had made it an annual event. Can we do the same?

Joseph F. Smith vizualized the day when Temples would be built throughout the breadth of the world for the convenience of the Saints. He also stressed the point that we should feel a debt of gratitude to Joseph Smith, who was an instrument in the hands of God for the knowledge we now possess of the requirements for exaltation of man into the presence of God.

We have been greatly blessed in having a Temple in New Zealand. I doubt whether ther are many who realize that even when the Temple is completed there are many hours of love, devotion and hard work entailed. Let us be *doers* of the word and not hearers only.

Here and There in The Mission

VISITOR:

ELDER CHARLES SCHMIDT, Auditor for the Missions of the Church, arrived November 15, 1957. He visited New Zealand four years ago to audit the books of the Mission.

The purpose of his visit is to set up an accounting system that will be used throughout the Church. This system will relieve much of the accounting work in the Mission Office, and give more missionaries an opportunity to proselyte.

His assignment has included Hawaii, Far East, Australia, New Zealand, and the reminder of the South Pacific Mission which he will visit following his stay here.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

By Tillie Katene

Visitors: Elder Wolfgramm, Mission Counsellor; Elder Pusey, Brother and Sister Pohatu of Muriwai Branch; Sister Bratton and daughter, of Auckland; Sister Leah Manihera.

Assisting Sister Polly Tarawhiti in the District Relief Society are the reinstated officers: Sisters Hoy, Tiro Baillie, and Nora Pou as counsellors and secretary respectively.

Latest recruit to the College Project from the district is Brother James McCauley.

Wellington Branch:

A night at the films was enjoyed by the Priesthood members and their wives recently.

Bon voyage and best wishes are extended to Brother Dan Muli on his return to his homeland, Tonga.

Hutt Branch:

Farewell was paid to Elder Fred Smith who has been transferred to Manawatu District. Our thanks to him for everything, especially his help in the musical world.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Kauri on the birth of their son.

Porirua Branch:

The MIA held two successful parties. A Hallo'een party and a birthday party of the Beehive organization.

The Primary Homebuilder class had a new party idea in the form of a sandwich party, held at the home of their teacher, Sister Waitohi Elkington.

Welcome home to Sister Ao Elkington, who has been seeing the scenes of the country.

Congratulations are extended to Sister Vernice Wineera and Brother Baden Pere on the announcement of their recent engagement, and to Brother and Sister Mark Metekingi on the birth of their second son.

On October 30th the first Relief Society Conference of this branch was held and began with an Officers' and Teachers' report meeting with the Branch and District Presidency. This was followed by a General Session and testimony meeting. Throughout this conference the handwork done by the sisters throughout the year was on display. At the conclusion, a banquet was served where the menu consisted of all the cooking recipes the Sisters learned at Relief Society. On November 3rd they conducted an inspiratonal Sunday evening service programme, winding up their year's work.

On the 30th of October Sister Makere (Maggie) TeHiko passed away. She has left behind her a wonderful example of kindness and love. A special service was conducted in the Chapel by President Kere Katene. To her family, our deepest sympathy is given in this parting.

The district members extend to all readers here, overseas, and leaders and missionaries everywhere, "A VERY HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON."

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COLLEGE

By Peter Sloan

Hello! Construction is the fastest moving thing here, with the exception of some of the American cars. Much progress has been accomplished within the Temple and David O. McKay Building in the way of plastering, tiling, placing fittings, and painting. The Principal's home, new motel block, and much of the landscaping is nearing completion.

We have the largest group of labour missionaries to date, and two proselyting missionaries, Elders Hansen and McCullough, who are concerned with guide work. Ever-increasing numbers of people descend upon us every Sunday. The highest figure (when this report was written) was 1,300 for one Sunday!

Our auxiliaries are doing good work. Recently the Mutual held its Music and Drama night, with a very large attendance. Many of our singing groups, such as Elder Rosenvall's Temple Chorus, are asked to give broadcasts and appearances outside the College. The Scouts and their Scout Masters are entering into the heart of Scouting by taking long trips about the countryside. All have returned, a tribute to their Scout Masters.

Elder Biesinger has announced the holiday is from December 21st to 29th. As it will be Christmas before the next publication we of the College wish to thank those in the districts for their support during the past year. Without you we could not do what we are doing.

From all College Personnel to Saints and friends everywhere—

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

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WAIKATO DISTRICT

By Fern Lyman

During the month of October, the District Officers have been busy visiting parts of the District.

Brother and Sister Andrew have been appointed as supervisors of Taukau District Sunday School and Brother and Sister Maxwell of the Sunday School in Waikakowai. The Sunday Schools are having good attendances, with two exceptional ones—Hoe o' Tainui and Tahuna, 96% and 100% respectively. On the 3rd November, President Evans and Counsellor, Brother Pearson, visited Huntly Branch Priesthood meeting, Waikakowai Sunday School and Opautia (Glen Murray) Fast Meeting. Newly appointed teacher aids: Brother and Sister Alan Forbes, Raglan; Brother and Sister Prim Harris, Tuakau.

Sister Archibald, past president of the College Branch Primary, and her Counsellor, Sister Marie Selwyn, completed their missions, returning to Hastings. We thank them for their efforts and accomplishments and welcome Sister Molly Toroaiwhiti as College Branch Primary President, along with her officers and teachers.

A surprise party was given Sister Rire on the 16th of November and she was presented with a gift for her new baby girl.

All the auxiliaries are busy preparing their respective programmes for the coming Hui Pariha on 7th and 8th of December.

Brother and Sister Mendenhall and Dr. Cook have been very busy in their many activities. Decisions such as curriculum, dress, fees, and staff have been made.

We take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy and prosperity.

Huntly Branch:

The Puketapu Sunday School has been reorganized. Released with a vote of thanks were Brothers Steve Berryman, Andrew Kenny, Alec Wincote and Dufty Kare Martin. Sustained were Dufty Kare Martin, superintendent, Andrew Kenny, 1st counsellor, and Sister Awa, secretary.

A Hangi Day was held 19th October, and the Relief Society sold clothing and cakes. Proceeds go for College support.

The Puketapu Branch have started a Branch Garden Project. We have planted 2cwt. of potatoes, pumpkins, marrows, and kumaras.

The Primary held a Sausage Fry Day on Saturday, 26th October, 1957.

We send health germs to Sister Blanch Mooney, Sister Polly Rotana, and Baby Steve Berryman, Baby Noda and Baby Awa.

Hamilton Branch:

A special "hello" to our home boys Ron Whatu and Barry Kingi who are studying in the States.

A concert was held in the Hamilton Winter Gardens under the leadership of the Building Committee. Master of Ceremonies was Marsh Parata, and special items were given by singing pupils, the L.D.S. College and the Hamilton Branch. The majority of the items were presented by young members. The funds from this concert were put into the Building Fund.

The MIA organization is now reorganized: Allan Keene, President; Syd Shepherd, Activity Counsellor; Wati Martin, Age Group Counsellor; and Rangi Rupapere, Secretary.

On November 4th the Relief Society presented a programme entitled "To Build a Spiritual Home." On the 13th November the Relief Society will conclude the year's activities with a luncheon.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

By Len Clemens

To all readers of the "T.K." from the Garden City. Our Branch here is growing. Out of the numerous investigators, three were baptized during the month. Attendance at all meetings is increasing. So far we have no news of the proposed site of our Chapel, but pray we may be able to have the site as chosen. The Priesthood Group is busy raising funds to overcome our deficit in our Temple-College fund. Thirty-eight pounds was handed over for the month. Sunday School teachers have been re-arranged during the month of October. Teachers are: Adult, Elder Carr; Intermediate, Sister Y. Toxepous; Advanced Junior, Beverley Wilton; Junior, Judith Snelling; Chorister, Judith Snelling.

Hui Pariha has come and gone and will be remembered as the best ever. The theme of the Hui was taken from Alma, 34:32. We are thankful for those Brothers and Sisters of the Mission who attended to deliver their messages. We did miss Sister Ballif and the Branch sends best wishes to her, with the hopes that we may see her in the near future.

A sports meeting held in Hagley Park and sponsored by the MIA was a huge success. That evening a banquet was held in the St. John's Hall. There were 95 in attendance and our thanks go to the Relief Society who made such a splendid effort in arranging the food.

The same evening thirty children took part on the Primary Programme and credit goes to Sister Mahara Te Aika and Elder Johnson. Thanks, also, to the members of Tuahiwi who sent their children along.

The MIA presented an interesting programme, finishing with a small playette. Taking part were Sisters Dot Snelling, Wineera, Bev Wilton and Brothers Wilton, Pere, Clemens, Terry Snelling and Mitchell Sloan. An amusing skit was put on by Sisters Wineera, Bev Wilton and Janet Sloan.

Maori Culture followed under the direction of Mahare Te Aika. The final item was a film shown by President Ballif of the Los Angeles Temple.

Sunday services commenced with a Youth Testimony Meeting at 6:30 a.m. which was well attended as were all the meetings of the day.

The special service held in the evening by the Branch proved to be the highlight of the day. The testimonies of Brother and Sister Greenfield, recent converts in Invercargill, will long be remembered. Brother Greenfield is completely deaf and dumb and Sister Greenfield is deaf. They managed to get over a wonderful talk with the aid of signs. Many thanks to those brethren who travelled up from Invercargill and Dunedin.

The Branch regrets to lose the services of Vernice Wineera who has returned to the North Island, and we thank her for all the work with the MIA. We also extend our congratulations to "Vernie" and Baden Pere on the announcement of their engagement. A farewell evening to these two was held in the Chapel on October 30th and everyone enjoyed a grand time.

Well, good readers of the "T.K.," we hope all is well with you and may the Lord bless you all in your righteous endeavours.

Invercargill Branch:

Hello from the Southland. During the last two months several changes have taken place. Elder G. K. Fowler is our new Sunday School Superintendent; Phillip Fallowfield, assistant; and Sister Dawn Stroud is Secretary. Brother and Sister Cyril Stroud are teaching the adult class and Sister Van Leitch is teaching the Primary class.

Funeral services were held on October 7th for Peter Scott Stroud, baby of Brother and Sister Cyril Stroud.

The first Priesthood Class was organized and held on the 10th of November.

We recently welcomed six new members in the Church. On the week-end of October 26th, several of our members travelled to Chrstchurch to attend the district conference. As Southland people, we feel that one of the highlights to the conference was contributed by Brother and Sister James A. Greenfield through bearing their strong testimonies.

Our Sunday School is flourishing and advancing because of the strong testimonies of our members here and their desire to improve and willingness to participate in the activities.

Dunedin Branch:

A warm hello to all readers with special greetings to Brother Percy Smith and all working at the College.

The Relief Society ladies are busy at their meetings making a rag mat while they plan for their last sale of work for this year.

The MIA held an enjoyable musical appreciation evening conducted by Brother James Marshall.

A surprise party was held for Brother John Cross congratulating him on his 79th birthday.

We send our love and greetings to Sister Brown who was baptized by the North Shore Branch.

Merry Christmas to all.

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HAURAKI DISTRICT

By Mary Beal

Greetings! It has been a long time since this district has reported for the *Te Karere*. We first bid farewell to Brother Hamon and his wife and say hello to our new District President, Brother Geoff Beal. The officers in the district remain the same with the exception of the Relief Society: President, Sister Mary Beal; District Secretary, Sister Erma Horscroft.

Huria Branch:

Congratulations to our LDS Basketball team who are doing so well. Congratulations to Brother Napoleon Mikaere and Benjamin Matthews who have reached the ripe old age of 21.

Our Hui Pariha looms ahead on the 23rd and 24th of November and plans are under way for a successful time. An invitation is extended to all to be with us.

The District Green and Gold Ball was a great success in Katikati.

Our love to all our missionaries at the College. More news next month.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

By Douglas Williams

Great Barrier Island:

This will be of great surprise to all members to hear from us once again, as this is the first report sent in since the days of our grandparents.

Our Sunday School was reorganised in 1952 with Chris Ngawaka as President; Iria Ngawaka, 1st Counsellor; Eileen Jane Ngawaka, 2nd Counsellor; and Myra Ngawaka as Secretary. Since then it has grown a little, and we are pleased to welcome home from Pureora Branch Brother and Sister Gibling with their children. We held our Primary birthday and also our testimony meeting at the home of Sister Daisy Henry. There were many items given by the Primary children and parents. We were pleased to have with us at the time two visitors from Auckland, Brothers Retimana Ngawaka and Rulon Palmer.

As we live far apart out here, news is hard to get. We either contact one another by boat, horse or walking, but hope to have some news for you next month.

Tamaki Branch:

Hello, all readers of "T.K.," from the Tamaki Branch.

This month the Tamaki Branch say a special "Thank You" to the Auckland District Maori Culture Group who presented the Branch with a beautiful piano.

An enjoyable party was given for Elder Stevenson who departed on October 30th.

M.I.A.:

Fireside chats this month have been very interesting and one of note was a talk gven by the Grant Family on their experiences as a family on their visit to the Hawaiian Temple.

Sacrament Meeting:

There have been several inspiring meetings this month. The special Genealogy Programme presented by Brother Howe and Family and the Family Night presented by Brother Hono Wihongi's Family were enjoyable evenings.

Priesthood News:

Brother Hono Wihongi Snr. was set apart as 1st Counsellor in the Branch Presidency by President Ariel S. Ballif on Sunday, October 1st.

To aid our Chapel Building Fund, the Branch has undertaken a fencing and drainage contract for a nearby factory, and with the aid of No. 10 Elders' Quorum made a good start on October 5th.

North Shore Branch:

Kia Ora from across the water.

The MIA held a very interesting programme on October 6th. Everybody enjoyed the talks and went away with something to think about. Again, on the 29th of October, they held an enjoyable music, speech and drama night.

A Stork Party was given to Sister Muriel Philip by the Relief Society.

A successful Halloween Party was held at the Olde House. This was also a farewell to Elders Shy and Jorgensen. Elders Terry Clark and Ross Smith are replacing Elders Shy and Edwards.

Auckland 1st Branch:

Hi! Well our sports before Mutual is really becoming popular. We sometimes have so many participants that it is hard to keep them all occupied. The Sunday School held a very enjoyable dance to the theme of Spring

Fever. The proceeds will go towards the children's Christmas party. Music and entainment for this activity was supplied by Olsen Ahmu, the Kiel Isles, the Gleaner trio, and our new star, Riky May. There have been some new additions to our MIA officers and teachers: Sister Kiri Rameka, Activity Counsellor; Sister Kiri Rameka, Secretary.

New teachers appointed in Sunday School are Mabel Schwenke, Susan Ngakuru, Grace Ihaka, Donation Westerlund, Ani Raharaha. Greeters are Sister Janet Sparks and Brother Andrew MacMillan.

Primary is progressing very well. They, too, are becoming sports minded. The Trailbuilder boys invited Auckland 2nd Branch Trailbuilders to a return match of table tennis, darts and quoits. The Seagull girls are knitting rapidly to complete articles for their display in our coming Hui Pariha in December.

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BAY OF ISLANDS

By June Rakena

At the recent Hui Peka at Kerkeri a Primary was organized with Sister Martin appointed as President. Things ran smoothly under the able direction of Brother James Osborne.

Mangamuka and Utukura Branches were fortunate in having Elder L. L. Adams of the Mission Presidency and T. Jorgensen to visit them. The Whirinaki Branch will soon begin a study class.

On the 12th October, 85 members met at a District Maori Culture and Music Rehearsal at Mataraua. This was an invitation from the Branch Presidency in appreciation of the help rendered in obtaining a new piano for their branch. These practices will be held weekly at respective branches with suitable halls—namely, Kaikohe, Mataraua, Tautoro, and Awarua.

Sixty-nine members attended the District Leadership meeting held at the Kaikohe Chapel to take instructions for the coming month's activities.

On Guy Fawkes night the District held a huge bonfire night in Kaikohe at the proselyting elders' home, Hiona. Waihou Branch made a Guy who burnt with great fury amongst the noises of the other fireworks. Musical items were rendered throughout the night, and the evening was rounded off with a barbecue supper.

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT

By Richard Horsford

Sister Anamaraca Tarau Poutu of Wakare passed away after being ill for some months. Sister Tarau will be remembered by many Zion elders for her true Maori heart, one who always gave the best she had to show her appreciation for the efforts made to visit her home.

Elder Paxman has returned to Canada. He had been with us so long that he was almost numbered among the fittings of the district. We wish him luck and hope we can follow his style and always have that "doggone smile." We welcome Elder Edwards to the district as companion to Elder Jordan.

Maromaku Branch:

The Branch made history when it held the first Branch Leadership Meeting and Branch Choir Practice on October 13th.

On October 18th the MIA organized a farewell social for Brother Charlie Taka who is now attending Lincoln College. We wish him the best. Elder Paxman bid us "au revoir" when he visited our Mutual on October 22nd.

The boys from the College were home for Labour Week-end and were welcome visitors to the M Men-Gleaner Spring Fling on the 25th. They took a trip to Matapouri on the back of Brother Meri Going's truck and all who attended had a wonderful time.

Aunty Elsie Eager and two of her grandchildren were welcome visitors from Auckland for the Labour Week-end.

We send Christmas Greetings to all!

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TARANAKI DISTRICT

By Nola G. O'Brien

Hello again from the Taranaki District.

An excellent leadership meeting was held in Wanganui this month. A social evening was held October 23rd for Sister Yvonne Baigent, Junior Sunday School Teacher and Social Science Teacher in Relief Society. Sister Moana Sharland thanked her for all her help and presented her with a gift.

On the 30th October, the Relief Society held a fancy dress Halloween party. The home-made costumes were wonderful, especially those of Elder Butler and Briggs.

Brother and Sister F. C. Saunders have transferred from Waiouru to Turangi. Uitiku branch members appreciated the visit of District President Steve White.

We welcome home Sister Laura Anderson and her children. The Priesthood spent Labour Monday to help speed up the completion of Brother and Sister Anderson's home in Wanganui.

The O'Brien girls were pleased to welcome home their new sister.

The Relief Society held an "afternoon tea" on the 29th October as a completion of the year's activities. Plans are already under way for meetings next year.

WAIRAU DISTRICT

By Pauline Selwyn

This month was a busy one for the Wairau District. Hui Pariha was the 19th and 20th at Blenheim. The weather was cold but the prevailing spirit was very warm and congenial.

Programme: The Primary programme was conducted by Brother Rangikapua Elkington and was the combined efforts of the children from Nelson and Madsen Primaries.

MIA was conducted by Brother Benjamin Hippolite Jnr. A play was presented, and Maori culture under the direction of Sister Louisa Warren.

At 6 a.m. on Sunday, a Youth Testimony Meeting was held, and at 8 a.m. the Genealogy conducted their programme. Elder Hay, Mission Chairman, was the main speaker.

Priesthood and Relief Society meetings were held at 9 a.m. A tableau was presented, portraying the spirit of Relief Society.

After the first session, all auxiliaries met for instruction from the Mission representatives. The last session was a climax to a very spiritual and instructional Hui Pariha. Kai was served by the local brethren and sisters and thanks go to the McDonald Family for the other facilities that helped make a successful Hui Pariha.

Congratulations to Kararaina Maunganui Elkington and Howard Williams, who were married Labour Week-end.

We welcome Sisters Watene and Mortensen to our district. They gave some timely remarks at our correlation meeting, and we pray for their success as they labour in the district.

Service is the rent we pay for our own room on earth.

Formula for Success: "Integrity, Intelligence, Industry and Intensity."
—Mr. Lasker.

"Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt." —Shakespeare.

STATISTICS OF NEW ZEALAND MISSION

Waikato:

Blessings.—Haemata Marshall by Phil T. Aspinall.

Meiana Bubby Valerie Paekau by James Gordon Forbes.

Baptisms.—Evelyn Te Hira, Hamilton Branch.

Graeme Perriton, Hamilton Branch.

Ordinations.—Robert Perriton, Priest.

Births.—To Benny and Terena Berryman, twins, boy and girl.

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Auckland:

Baptisms.—Atiroarangitauratua Glassie, baptized by Elder Sheffield, confirmed by Elder Smith.

Colleen Teresa Reid, baptized by Edward Rivers.

Mu Mu, baptized by Edward Rivers.

Leonard Alfred Jeffs, baptized by Elder Buckley.

Christopher James Brown, baptized by Elder Anderson.

Lloyd Alfred Stevens, baptized by Elder Anderson.

Katy Elizabeth Hamilton, baptized by Elder Anderson.

Marriages.—Samuel Glassie to Atirorangitauratua Kapi Putoke, October 26, 1957.

Blessings.—Taru Albert Ngawaka.
Brown Te Ruawai Ngawaka.
Schultz Grant Frost.
Alastair Gordon Thorton.
Regina Mua Lulualii.
Tulali Koloti Laulu.
Andrew Tolai Silofau.
Larry Valtoe.
Sally Ann Best.
Mack Philip Gillette by Elder Bruce Brunson.

Ordinations.—Hono Wihongi Jnr., Elder, by President Ariel S. Ballif.

Otago:

Baptisms.—James Andrew Greenfield, by Marvin J. Pitman, confirmed by Gordon K. Galewick.

Florence Josephine Fallowfield, baptized by Ronald V. Wheeler, confirmed by Gordon K. Galewick.

Rona Dawn Stroud, baptized by Marvin J. Pitman, confirmed by G. Keith Fowler.

Sarah Susan Leitch, baptized by Ronald V. Wheeler, confirmed by Ronald V. Wheeler.

Ralph Radford Stroud, baptized by Marvin J. Pitman, confirmed by Ronald V. Wheeler.

Cyril Burrow Stroud, baptized by Marvin J. Pitman, confirmed by Marvin J. Pitman.

Eric James Aukett, baptized by John E. Lewis, confirmed by Howard Johnson.

Enid Mae Taylor, baptized by Robert Hughes, confirmed by Robert Hughes.

Joy Isabella Dawson, baptized by Robert Hughes, confirmed by Charles Carr.

Death—Rose Rita Madden, October 20, 1957.

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Wellington:

Baptisms.—Jill Patricia Dawson, baptized by Richard F. Smith.

Arthur Robert Dawson, baptized by Richard F. Smith.

Sandra Florence Johnson, baptized by Richard F. Smith, confirmed by Arthur W. Gardner.

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Bay of Islands:

Marriage.—Brother Andrew Wihongi of Mataraua to Kathleen Kake of Okaihau.

Baptisms.—Te Mahara Tuhi, baptized by Tupari Wharemake, confirmed Thomas Tai Rakena.
Rongo Ma Taane TeWhata, baptized Tupari Wharemate, confirmed by Tupari Wharemate.
Tapapa TeWhata, baptized by Tupari Wharemate, confirmed by Tuniwai Wharemate.
Isaac Stancliff TeWhata, baptized by Tupari Wharemate, confirmed by Haki Wharemate.

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Taranaki:

Ordinations.—Henry Sharland, teacher
Peter Lewis, deacon.
Puna Warbrick, priest.
James O'Brien, elder.

Births.—To John and Nola O'Brien, a daughter.

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Whangarei:

Deaths.—Minia Wihongi, 30th August, 1957.
Elizabeth Henare Winiata, 15th September, 1957.
Anamaraea Tarau Poutu, 17th October, 1957.

Blessings.—Mere Gloria Winney, by Hare Winiata Tipene.
Hemi Kipi Tomuri, by Hiini Wairemana Pene.
Jewel Reti, by Waipu Hone Pita.
William Floyd Reti, by Wharepapa Hone Paratene.
Holly Clynton Hetaraka, by Wiremu Kingi Rapata.
Maria Anne Tangiata Hepi, by Pita R. Pene.

Marriages.—Kahutai Rapata to Katie Takapu Wetere.

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Wairau:

Baptisms.—Fredrick Limbert.
Jean Webb Limbert.
Russel Limbert.
Athlea Limbert.
Sydney Limbert.

Blessings.—Susan Sharon Hippolite.
Grahame De Pina.
Shelley De Pina.
Josephine Mary Paul.

Ordinations.—Wahanui Tupaea, elder.

PRIESTHOOD (Continued from Page 432)

help in any way to make our homes places of joy, places where the very fibres of the Gospel are formed, and were love for one another, faith in God, and unity in the Gospel are exemplified. From the home we go to our school activities or our vocations in life, the things we are associated with every day. Through every contact atht we make with people we have an opportunity to help in some way. Maybe it's just a kind word when needed, or maybe it's the firm clasp of the hand to give assurance and encouragement. Always there is the oportunity of living in such a way that our God-like conduct can be observed by all that are around us.

May we not look back and sorrow for opportunities past that were not realized, but may we ever be aware of the great opportunity that we now have of SERVICE to our fellow men through our Priesthood work.

CORRECTION: Sidney J. Ottley was ordained a High Priest and Bishop by Joseph Fielding Smith of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, 8th September, 1918 (not 1912).

PRIESTHOOD GENEALOGY OF M. CHARLES WOODS

Peter, James and John ordained Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. They ordained Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball. They ordained Franklin D. Richards and Franklin D. Richards ordained Charles Franklin Middleton. Charles Franklin Middleton ordained M. Charles Woods.

TO ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENCIES, BRANCH PRESIDENCIES, AND DISTRICT AND BRANCH CLERKS TOGETHER WITH ALL DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE M.I.A., PRIMARY, RELIEF SOCIETY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, GENEALOGICAL ORGANIZATION, MUSIC COMMITTEE AND ELDERS' QUORUM PRESIDENCIES AND SECRETARIES:

Our Leadership Convention will be held December 28th and 29th, 1957, at the Church College at Frankton. The theme of our Convention will be:

"FOLLOW THE LEADER, WHO KNOWS WHERE HE IS GOING!"

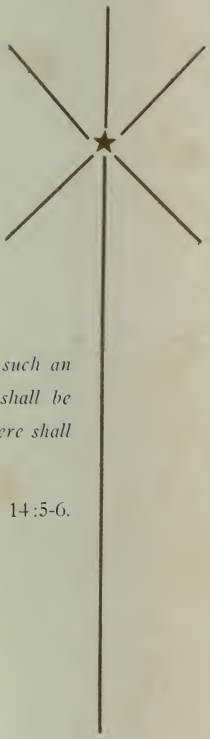
The Schedule will be as follows:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th—

9:30 a.m.	Assemble
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Instructional Meetings
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Instructional Meetings
7:00 p.m.	Recreational Leadership Meetings. (The recreational period is to be under the direction and supervision of the M.I.A. but each auxiliary will have time alloted to them.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th—

6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Testimony Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Priesthood Meeting and Meeting for the Women
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Final General Session



"And behold, there shall be a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you. And behold, this is not all, there shall be many signs and wonders in Heaven."

—Helaman 14:5-6.